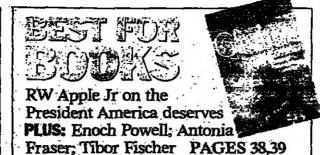
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Moral debate is boost for Labour

Blair surges even farther into the lead

TONY BLAIR and Labour have jumped to their highest poll ratings since the spring after the party conferences and the Government's recent disarray on policy, according to the linest MORI poll for The

The poll, undertaken last veckend puts Labour on 56 per cent against 28 per cent for the Conservatives and dashes Tory hopes that the party might at last have started to narrow the gap significantly.
Labour's lead has been in
double figure for four years—
and at least 20 points for
nearly three. With only six

months to go before the likely election date of May I, the Tories have more recover and less time to do it than any party has yet achieved. At the same stage of previous parliaahead in the polls or - as in

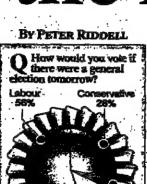
behind: Support for Labour, which had declined daminguise late. summer, has risen by four points over the past mouth to the highest level since last March, The Tories bave slipped one point and the Liberal Democrats have

dropped two to 12 per cent. The poll comes at a time when the parties have been trying to seize the initiative over law and order, morality and education. But the Government has suffered from a series of public gaffes and divisions over gun control, the sponsorship of Bills on stalking and paedophiles and over corporal punishment in

Labour and Mr Blair, who has taken a high profile on these moral and family values issues, have benefited and there has been a dramatic increase in the Labour leader's

personal approval rating.

That had fallen sharply during the summer after divisions within Labour and criti-cism of his leadership. But since late September, those saying that they are satisfied with the way he is doing his job inverjumped from 42 to 51 per cent, while those express-ing dissimisfaction have drop-



number satisfied — has im-

the highest level since March. Among Labour Supporters,

his net approval rating has

The main consolation for

the Tories is that much of

Labour's gain has been at the expense of the Liberal Demo-

crais and other parties, and

that Labour has for several

years enjoyed much improved

poll ratings after the party

Moreover, some key under-

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"I'm trying to raise money

becoming extinct"

RUTH NEAVE, the mother

accused of strangling her six-year-old son Rikki, was cleared of his murder yester-

day but jailed for seven years

seven women and five men

found Neave, 28, not guilty

She had denied murder but

admitted two charges of child

Shortly after the verdict, the

jury histened to a catalogue of

conferences.

risen from +41 to +60.

both of the Government and the Prime Minister continues to decline, albeit very slowly. The public still remains dissat istied with the way Mr Major is doing his job by a 2-1 margin and is dissatisfied with the Government by 41.

The public is also more confident about the economy. The MORI economic opti mism index, measuring those economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months stands at -1 point. This is the same as a month ago but compares with an average of 10 points in the first half of

This index has in the past been closely linked with voting intentions and is one of the Climon is so confident of reelection on Tuesday. But the close relationship support has broken down in the past couple of years in Britain as the Tories have not received credit for the

A report out today says that consumer optimism about the economy and household finances is at its highest level since before the recession and is growing in most parts of the country,

The survey, from the ecolying trends are moving in favour of the Tories. Dissatis-Strategies, points to receding faction with the performance worries over unemployment and expectations of continuing low inflation.

The well-publicised conference of the Referendum Party in Brighton 12 days ago has produced only a small dividend for Sir James Goldsmith. The number of those interviewed mentioning the party has risen from 12 to 17 over the past month - or barely I per cent of the overall sample.

MORI interviewed 1,747
people at 161 sampling points
between October 25 and 28. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they will not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (6 per cent) or who

Feel-better factor, page 25



Major still feels sore 40 years after geography master's six of the best

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister's wellpublicised opposition to corporal punishment may date back to a humiliating experience when he was subjected to six of the best in front of 24

John Major received the once in a lifetime punishment when he was still in short trousers as a pupil at Rutlish School, Wimbledon, in the mid-1950s. It was administered by the geography mas-ter Hubert Walker because the future Prime Minister did not

to swish the cane, had in-

refused to say (4 per cent). Mr Walker, a popular teacher despite his propensity

Nicholas Tate... Leading article...

structed Mr Major's class to go to an industrial estate to note the name of all the companies. But it involved a mile-and-a-half trudge, the boys rebelled and Mr Major who has been beset by revolts since becoming leader of the Tory Party - learnt what a bruising experience rebellion can be. When only one of the 25 boys handed in a bution came in the form of 24

sore bottoms. There was no point in Gwen and Tom Major-Ball. Mr Walker always announced at parents' meetings, cane in hand, that if any of them objected to their children being beaten they should

speak out. Mr and Mrs Major-Ball raised no objections. Mr Walker was encouraged to adopt authoritarian measures by Mr Blenkinsop, the headmaster, whose school re-gime included prefects and masters in regulation mortar-boards. Mr Blenkinsop known to the boys as Champion the Wonder Horse because of his big teeth - regularly administered the cane to illdisciplined youngsters.

The caning of the Prime Minister brought back un-

MI6 gave France

list of 'moles'

elder brother, Terry, who was caned twice at his primary

school. He told The Times: 'John's punishment was nev-Continued on page 2, col 3

rise 'to check inflation'

Loan rate

CAROLINE MERRELL AND PHILIP WEBSTER

KENNETH CLARKE acted esterday to prevent a damagng increase in interest rates in the run-up to the general election by announcing a quarter-point rise in base rates

The increase, the first upward move for almost two years, was designed to keep the Government's fight

against inflation on course. However, major mortgage lenders decided not to follow the Chancellor's lead and left mortgage rates unchanged at

their lowest levels for 30 years. Mr Clarke said that he had taken the decision to raise rates to ensure that the economy would remain on track to meet the Government's infla-

tion target of 2.5 per cent. "Experience has shown that by increasing rates early, as I did in 1994 and I am doing today, possible inflation can

be nipped in the bud," he said. The Chancellor has been months from the City and the Bank of England to raise interest rates to ensure that the economy does not overheat. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said the increase "improves the chances of achieving the

The pound strengthened sharply after the announcement, but shares suffered. Sterling's trade weighted index closed at a two-and-a-halfyear high and while the FTSE 100 fell 29.6 points to 3963.6.

Mr Clarke, speaking in the Commons after agreeing the rise at a morning meeting with Mr George, said that he was "ahead of the game" and was acting now to prevent rises in inflation in 18 months to two years' time when he expected there still to be a Conservative government.

Leading article, page 21 Boost to sterling, page 25 Graham Searjeant, page 29

Rwandan troops in raid on Zaire

Rwanda sent commandos across the Ruzizi river into eastern Zaire, bringing the two countries to the verge of war. The Rwandan Governtaliation against an alliance of Rwanda's former armed forces. Hum extremist militia and Zaire's army ____Page 14



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after admitting cruelty. The boy's father and other members of his family appeared shocked as the Northampton Crown Court jury of

crueity and neglect of Rikki and his three sisters. She had burnt one daughter's hand with a cigarette, squirted washing up liquid down Rikki's throat and turned the boy out of the house wearing only pyjamas in the early hours of a December morning when he was only

... Neave, a drug abuser, had also threatened to kill Rikki unless social workers agreed to take him into care. He had



announced that it had sus-pended two social workers.

Rikki's body was found in woods near his home on the Welland Estate in Peterborough. PC Robert McNeill, who was called when Rikki



Rikki, who was 6 when he died, and Ruth Neave

been on Cambridgeshire County Council's social services department's "at risk" register and there were calls for a public inquiry last night into their handling of the case and the way in which they failed to heed the countless warning signs. The council

that he had searched the spot where the body was later found. He carried out the search at the same time that Neave was talking to police about his disappearance. This meant that she could not have dumped his body, and with no scientific evidence linking her to the murder, this suggested

> The judge, in his summing up, directed the jury to acquit Neave of murder if they

Murdered boy's cruel mother jailed

and wholly unfit to be a mother", adding that the sen-

tence had to "reflect the public abhorrence of this cruelty."

Neave said in a statement through her solicitor. Paul

Bacon: "I have always main-

tained my innocence. Many

people who lived near me

were quick to condemn me

without having heard a word

moment now to be able to say

to them that I am not guilty of

"I have had to wait for this

of evidence.

killer of Rikki."

release in two years.

M16 provided the French service with a list of Passing sentence, Mr Jus-tice Popplewell said: "I have some 300 French diplomats and foreign service officials suspected of being communist spies during the Cold War. Le rarely come across a case of such systematic and persistent cruelty to young children." He told Neave that she was plainly an inadequate person

The file was handed over in 1993, when Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, was

Chinese dissident jailed for 11 years

Wang Dan, a Chinese dissident, was jailed for II years for conspiring to subvert the Communist Government An appeal is expected to fail. Wang, 27, was a student leader of the pro-democracy novement in Tiananmen Square in 1989 Page 12

killing my own child. I hope the police will now redouble their efforts to find the true Postal strike talks

Talks to avert Christmas post She has already been in jail disruption may start today after staff voted heavily to for 18 months awaiting trial and could be eligible for continue their long-running strike campaign over pay and Social services failed, page 5

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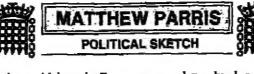
Heavyweights make the House tremble

GOOD Commons speeches are like buses. None turn up for ages then two turn up at the same time. Just when you despaired of witnessing any Commons performance of any stature between now and the next election, two barnstorming orations remind you that good debaters still exist at

First over the hill in the Economy debate yesterday afternoon was Gordon Brown. We could almost hear the hooves thundering as he approached. The moment he rose, the Shadow Chancellor was on to a roll. Buoyed by the Chancellor's embarrassment over interest rates. Mr Brown took his speech at a furious

horsed. Critics scoff (Clarke did) that this was the speech Brown always makes. So it was, but you might just as well complain that Pavarotti always sings Nessun dorma. So he does, the important question being whether he belts it out in better or worse throat than before. I have never heard Mr Brown belting out his familiar personal solo of dire economic news in more confident voice.

Like an Old Testament Jeremiah, and in his peculiar thunderous growl. Brown bashed the table and hammered home all the old Family Favourites from the Shadow Chancellor's Songbook. Britain was being overtaken in



Britain was high on the European inflation league and low on the European investment league. The OECD, VAT, the EU and CGT were flung around the Chamber, as acronyms, quotations and statistics bounced from the rafters and clattered to the floor.

with them. I must have been

naughtier than John because

I was caned twice for talking to girls in the classroom.

"I don't think caning ever hurt anyone. But I might be more old-fashioned than my

Penny Junor, who wrote an

authorised biography of John Major, said last night: "He told me he is still

indignant about that beating

It did not seem fair. He had to walk a long way to get to

that homework assignment

Then he had a journey of

an hour-and-a-half back to

his home in Brixton. Most of

the boys did not think the trip

was worth it. It explains why

he is still sore about it.

Particularly as it was a mass

In her book, The Major

Enigma, Ms Junor reported

that Rutlish was the worst experience of the Prime Min-

ister's life. "When he went

back to Rutlish in 1991 for a

special anniversary, he said

he had no memory of the

school at all - so deeply had

he buried that period of his

life he did not even recognise

the building."
Peter Stokes, a pupil at the

same time as Mr Major and

now chairman of the Old

beating.

on an industrial estate.

deserved it.

younger brother."

ing, and coming to a shuddering halt. Thus: They're near the bottom of every. One. Of. While Brown stormed on, knocking interruptors aside, this sketch was able to identify These, Leagues." Or: "The the key to his idiosyncratic truth about the economy is that they are economical. With The Truth." The effect speaking style. The first part of a sentence is delivered is awesome. Brown sat down normally, but, a few words heartening cheer. from the end, Brown suddenly

interest rates - and now witnessed a revitalised Opposition. Anyone of less Tiggerish buoyancy would have been disheartened, but not our Ken. comes down hard on each Within seconds he, too, was up successive word, hitting each to speed, throwing out statissingly, stopping, then hitting tics of his own, ridiculing the next - the final word being roared at the lowest key Brown's gloom. with a dreadful finality. It is like a plane coming in to land, smacking the runway, bounc-

Best inflation for 50 years!" "Unemployment at its lowest level for five and a half years!" Clarke soon had the Tories laughing and cheering behind him. The only people who don't believe the strength of the economy are either mad, dead, or sitting on the benches opposite!" he cried, starting the sentence with insufficient puff and ending it in that

Kenneth Clarke rose to reply.

He had just had to raise

made his own. Clarke began to irk Brown, who interrupted him. The Chancellor reacted by goading him more, and by the end the Shadow Chancellor had bounced up seven times to protest or question.

It is said that little divides these two men ideologically. Certainly they were unconsciously aping each other's style trading statistical missiles, parrying with scornful laughter, resting elbows on the dispatch box, or placing one hand on hip and sweeping the air with the other. Two pol itical heavyweights, in every sense. Irresistible force met immovable object vesterday. and, for one glorious hour, the

Parents to have say on moral code in schools

Parents are to play a central role in the dispute between the Education Secretary and her advisers on whether overt support for marriage should be part of a moral code for schools, which was published in draft form yesterday.

The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority rushed out its paper ahead of schedule after Gillian Shephard quoted peassges in the Commons. The proposals, reported in The Times earlier this week, were distilled from the views of a 150. strong forum. They include a commitment to family life but no mention of the importance of marriage. The paper issued for consultation acknowledges that five members of the forum objected. Nicholas Tate, page 20, Letters, page 21

£410m aid for beef farmers

A £415 million package of measures to help farmers hit by the BSE beef crisis was agreed by European Union farm ministers yesterday. More than half the money will go to Britain, France and Germany and only Germany voted against the plan at the end of the three-day meeting. Demand for beef in Europe has since fallen by 15 per cent since March and farmers' losses are estimated at El billion.

Bank-plot couple guilty

A couple were convicted yesterday of an elaborate £10 million plot involving the only cheque ever to have been stolen from the Bank of England. The business consultant Peter Garnett, 54, and his accountant wife Linda, 52, of Southwark, south London, showed no emotion at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court as the jury convicted them of conspiracy to defraud They are to be sentenced on November 23.

Tanker oil washed ashore

Thousands of tonnes of crude oil is being washed up on the Pembrokeshire coast as high winds and tides drive in pollution from the Sea Empress, which ran aground in March. The studge is affecting beaches near Milford Haven and threatening shellfish. The contamination is believed to be coming from oil that seeped into the sand. Less than 5 per cent of the 72,000 tonnes spilled in the disaster was recovered.

Anti-boxing advert launched

A cinema advertisement that uses a conker fight to portray the dangers of boxing has been launched by the British Medical Association. The association has repeatedly called for a ban on boxing in the light of medical evidence that it causes lasting brain damage. In the past three years, six boxers have been seriously injured in the ring and two have

Catholic poll rejects celibacy

More than two out of three Roman Catholics believe compulsory ceilbary for priests should end, according to a poll of 1,000 parishioners in England and Wales published in tomorrow's Catholic Herald. The survey shows 69 per cent believe priests should be allowed to marry, with ZI per cent believing that the rule will change soon, and 19 per cent that the church will never change its mind on the issue.

£300m plan for Cambridge

A draft plan for a £300 million science and technology centre on the outskirts of Cambridge was announced by the university yesterday. It is part of a strategy to provide modern research and teaching facilities away from cramped buildings in the city centre. Dons and local people will have a chance to examine the scheme before any planning application is submitted next year.

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Muggers target BBC staff

BBC staff are being terrorised by muggers targeting their expensive laptop computers as they travel to work at Television Centre. Nineteen workers have been robbed this year with one woman suffering three broken ribs after being knocked unconscious. The computers can fetch £500 on the black market. The BBC has laid on free shuttle buses for the short trip to its Wood Lane HQ, London.

Opera house plan approved

The Royal Opera House won approval yesterday for plans to build a temporary South Bank theatre while its historic Covent Garden building is renovated. The decision follows a public inquiry and saves the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet from having to go on tour during the £214 million renovation.

Objectors said the site opposite the Tower of London should have been used to alleviate the housing problem.

Progress of scrapie slowed

Researchers in Milan have shown that the progress of the steep disease scrapic can be slowed by using drugs developed to treat bladder cancer. The effects are small, prolonging the life of hamsters infected with scrapie by a lifth, and the drugs highly toxic. But the results, in New Scientist, offer evidence that similar diseases, which include "mad cow" disease and the human brain disease CJD can be slowed.

Smokers blamed for fires

Smokers cause more than 9,000 serious fires each year, killing up to 200 people, injuring 2,000, and causing more than E20 million damage to homes, according to a study by the insurers CGA Direct. In West Sussex and South Yorkshire, more than 18 per cent of fires were caused by smokers. The company may offer discounts to non-smokers.

Magazine editor's suicide

Tim Nicholson, 32, Editor of the men's magazine Arena. threw himself to his death from a cliff at Saltdean, near Brighton, because he disagreed with editorial decisions that had been forced on him in his latest issue. Police discovered a suicide note left at the top of the cliff as well as a copy of the magazine with savage crossings-out, the inquest was told.

Ban on handguns goes too far, senior Tory MPs tell Howard

By James Landale

A DEPUTATION of about 15 senior Tory MPs who believe that government moves to ban most handguns go too far yesterday urged the Home Secretary to offer gun-owners more compensation.

As the campaign by some Tories to water down the proposals began, the MPs told Michael Howard of their anger at the Firearms Bill which will be published tomorrow. In a "tense but organised" meeting at the House of

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Commons, the MPs, led by Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP for Westonsuper-Mare, told Mr Howard that the ban on all handguns except 22 small callibre sports

pistols was excessive. Sir Jerry said they had told Mr Howard that he was wrong to have gone beyond the proposals of the Cullen inquiry, set up after the Dunblane massacre. The MPs demanded that compensation be "generous and full". Gun owners, traders and club. organisers must be compen-

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able weapons but also for their redundant equipment, loss of earnings, and for the costs involved with the closure of

The MPs also pressed Mr Howard to explain the situation over muzzle-loading and antique pistois - often held for historical reasons and not for use: Mir Howard was also overtioned about the sugges tion that all expanding amounition must be banned. The MPs said that expanding ammunition would still be needsated not just for their unus ed for vermin control.

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Strike vote threatens Christmas post service

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TALKS aimed at averting disruption to the Christmas post are to begin immediately between the Royal Mail and union leaders after postal workers strongly backed a resumption of industrial action in the long dispute over

pay and hours. Members of the Communication Workers' Union (CWU) voted by 64,919 to 40,581 to continue the campaign of strikes, which began in the summer and has cost the Royal Mail £40 million. The result, 61 per cent supporting further action on a turnout of 78 per cent, gave the union an 'unquestionable mandate" to reject the Royal Mail's offer on pay, jobs, hours and working practices, said Alan Johnson,

its joint general secretary. But last night both sides were hopeful that talks, which could start today, could avert the threat to Christmas deliveries after the union made a significant concession on the

duce US-style teamworking. The union's executive will meet next week and, should

the talks with the Post Office fail to produce signs of a settlement, will consider fur-

ther action. Under current employment law, strikes have to take place within 28 days of the declaration of a ballot result, or the ballot's legal mandate falls, so any strikes would occur during the start of the build-up of Christmas mail from late November onwards. Mr Johnson said: "We have no desire to see postal services taken away at Christmas. We want to see a

negotiated settlement." Leaders of the CWU came under intense pressure for a reballot -- including calls for a fresh vote from Tony Blair, the Labour leader - after lengthy negotiations produced new versions of the Poat Office's offer on pay, working prac-

tices and teamworking.
The new formal talks with the Post Office will follow informal discussions held privately earlier this week at the union's request. The union suggested a joint working party, chaired by an independent outsider.

Major still sore over six of the best Continued from page 1 er discussed. It was not the sort of thing you talked about over the dinner table. My parents would not have been angry with the school. They were cross if we were caned because it meant we had misbehaved at school. Discipline was a strong point



John Major's schooldays: one caning was enough for the future Prime Minister

Rutlishans Association, had only distant memories of the Prime Minister. "It was easier to remember the cane. If boys misbehaved that was

w they were punished. Discipline was strong. People may have got the impression that the Prime Minister was educated in a poor inner-city school. Not a bit of it. It was a strict pseudopublic school. That may be

why he hates the cane today. But Mr Major has not

opposed to corporal punish-

ment. The Commons voting record shows that he was on the side of rightwingers in July 1986, when MPs came within one vote of keeping caning in state schools with parental consent. Since then, eccording to Tory sources, he

Gillian Shephard, who was rebuked by Mr Major on Tuesday for suggesting that state schools might reintroduce the cape, was never beaten at school. She was

has changed his mind.

converted to corporal punishment by her husband, Thom-

ton during which the Mr. Major constantly referred to his Education Secretary as Gill. He even presented her with a golden delicious, declaring: "An apple for the

JOHN Major is increasing pressure on ministers and the IRA to meet tougher condi-tions before Sinn Fein leaders are allowed into Northern Ireland multi-party talks.

The Prime Minister is press-

Among the tougher de-mands being considered by

The information indicates that a known IRA terrorist has organised a series of "dummy runs" against RUC and Army bases in North

Irish Government to force the

ing for terrorists to be forced to follow stricter rules in the wake of an IRA ceasefire. Ministers have said that, before Sinn Fein is admitted to talks, there must be a credible IRA ceasefire but have not previously listed any specific conditions.

ministers are that there must be clear evidence of an end to terrorist training, manufac-ture of bomb-making equip-ment and targeting of individuals and buildings.

The moves comes amid intelligence reports that suggest the IRA is making detailed preparations for a series of attacks on security bases and high profile individuals along Northern Ireland's affluent "gold coast" in North Down, near Belfast.

Review of hunting with dogs launched

THE first major review of hunting with bounds in 45 years was launched yesterday Sir David Steel, executive chairman of the Countryside Movement, said it would take into account changes in the management of the country-

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

as, a retired headmaster who

was known to resort to it.

In spite of their differences, Mr Major and Mrs

Shephard put on a display of unity to mark the publication

of the Education Bill yester

day. They arrived together for a tour of Cardinal

Vaughan School in Kensing

side and in public opinion.

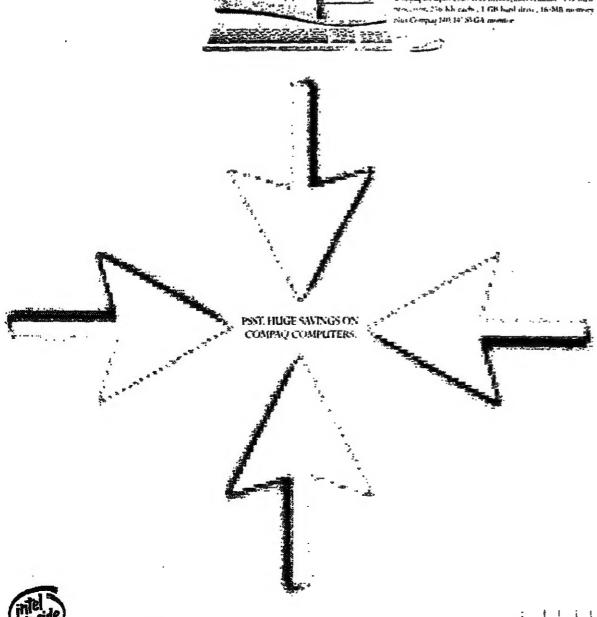
The former Liberal leader said he hoped the report would contribute to an informed debate if a Labour Government allowed a free vote on for-hunting. The re-view team will include Richard Phelps, a retired public administrator and former Treasury mandarin, and William Allen, Professor of

Equine Reproduction at Cambridge University. The Scott Henderson re-port of 1951 concluded that bunting should continue because it was an effective means of keeping down foxes and was less cruel than most other methods. The Countryside Movement, set up last year, claims to speak broadly for rural interests but insists it is not running a pro-

hunting campaign as such.

The League Against Cruel
Sports said: "We have severe doubts that something set up by the Countryside Move ment would be completely

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paramount and warned that for a child "to have to take on

board the fact that he was

born from a dead man would

be enough to occasion

estimated at £100,000.

☐ The Stephen Blood Baby Appeal, which has so far raised £20,000, can be

reached on: 0121 643 4636.

Mrs Blood, who is taking

nightmares.

gins to look like an ass."

Review gives new hope to woman fighting for dead husband's baby

A WIDOW who is fighting for the right to have her late husband's baby was cantious ly optimistic yesterday that she might be allowed to take his sperm abroad for fertilisation treatment.

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Diane Blood, 30, whose husband Stephen died of bacterial meningitis last year, said she was delighted after the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority announced it was to reconsider her case. But Mrs Blood, who lost her High Court action for the right to her husband's sperm earlier this month, emphasised that her hopes had been raised and dashed so many times that she could not bear to be disappointed again.
'I have been through hell in

the last 18 months so to knock my feelings back now would be the cruellest blow of all," she said. "I am happy that the HFEA has decided to look at my individual circumstances I am cautiously hopeful, although my feelings have been pulled around many times

Mrs Blood, from Worksop, Nottinghamshire, is ready to pay the cost of private treat-ment at a fertility clinic in Belgium if the HFEA decides that she can take her husband's sperm abroad. "I will be off to Belgium like a shot."

She said the first decision 18 months ago had been taken without looking into the background of the case. All the authority had known was that a wife was asking to use her late husband's sperm without written consent

They didn't know that I believed I was pregnant when Stephen died or that we'd discussed the issue and he'd



wanted children

they've asked for my evidence from the court case suggests to me that they want to look at the individual and unique circumstances of my case," she said. "It's very good news -but it's not a victory."

The HFEA is bound by the 1990 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act to disallow the use of sperm in Britain unless the donor has given his written consent. But in cases where sperm is to be exported or imported, the HFEA has

The HFEA, which will consider the case next month, said: The authority has the discretion to change its mind in cases of export or import. It wants to ensure that no stone is left unturned so this can be resolved sooner rather than

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Diane Blood: cautiously optimistic that she will be allowed to take hen late husband's sperm abroad. "it's good news but not a victory," she said yesterday

Tips on spotting a winner still can't guarantee the gift horse

racetrack, two Australian scientists believe they know how to spot a loser. Instead of gazing vaguely at

the horses as they parade

before a race, they urge punters to concentrate on six characteristics to avoid putting their money on duds. Dr Geoff Hutson, an ani-University of Melbourne, and Marie Haskell, a PhD student, spent 20 months studying the appearance and behaviour of 867 horses in 67 races at two Melbourne racetracks.

They gave each horse a score based on 29 variables, New Scientist reports. Of those, 19 were based on the horse's appearance and behaviour, and the rest on more traditional sources such as the formbook, the jockey, the horse's age and sex, and the odds being offered. "We reckon we have six variables that will help a punter to recognise a loser," Dr Hutson says, "In other words, you can narrow down the field, thereby increasing your chances of finding a winner. If you could eliminate enough horses, you could bet on the field and come out on top."

Some of the six variables are obvious: horses at long odds, or those heavily handicapped in the weights, are likely losers. But the other four are more subtle.

One is the angle of the norse's head, which should be about 45 degrees. Another is how firmly the stable lad has o hold the borse when it is in the parade ring: the ideal to look for is a horse that needs to

Any horse that requires handling by course stewards before it will enter the starting gate is bad news, says Dr Hutson, and so is any horse that has any bandages on it. They may conceal an injury. 'If you spotted a horse with a combination of these varies. Then I'd the bar rather than the bookie," he told New Scientist. . .

During the study, he says, two thirds of the horses they

general, the more relaxed the racehorse, the more chance it had of winning," he concludes.

Next Tuesday is Melbourne Cup day, when the whole of Australia stops for the running of the big race. Dr Hutson's tip this year is the Irish St Leger winner Oscar Schindler. Its condition looked perfect on television," he says. "But if it acts up in the paddock then I might change my mind."

The racing fraternity is unsurprisingly, sceptical about the research. Years of trial and error have failed to produce any foolproof method of determining which horses will win and which will lose. Were it so easy the sport would collapse.

The Animal Health Trust in Newmarket, which is at the forefront of research into horses' health and behaviour, said: There are so many factors that determine the condition and wellbeing of a horse that even if every horse was given a tion using the latest modern equipment before the race, while you might eliminate a few horses from your list, the bookmakers would still probably end up taking home more money than the vets."

Graham Sharpe, of the bookmakers William Hill, said his profession was more which horse would win rathe than which would not. "This is not much of a breakthrough in the battle between the punters and the bookmakers.

"If they could tell us which of the field apart from one is going to lose we would very soon go skint. Congratulations on spending money on finding out what most punters know already - on the basis of the form, the odds and how they look in the paddock they are

not going to win."

He said that the research was not the answer to punters' prayers. "Horses are very caole oi surprising No-hopers may well thumb their noses at the researchers."

expulsion errors | keep convent dry

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A SCHOOL has been ordered " to pay £300 to the family of a teenage girl who was expelled for a victous attack on a fellow pupil because of errors made during the expulsion process. The girl and fellow pupil.

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both aged 15, were ordered to leave Noel Baker Community School in Alvaston, Derbyshire, after the head teacher discovered that they had punched and kicked a third girl. The attackers were ex-pelled in February but both sets of parents lodged appeals against the decision.

Although separate appeal hearings upheld the expulsions, the family of one girl complained that the hearing had not been conducted prop-erly. Patricia Thomas, the education ombudsman for the north of England, has ruled in her favour and ordered the

E300 payment. Mrs Thomas found a number of faults in the appeals procedure, including the absence of a clerk and the holding of a hearing in the school. She concluded that the failings were sufficiently serious to render the hearing invalid, although both girls responsible have now moved to other schools.

The school, which has 1.225 pupils and lies on the outskirts of Derby, was praised by Ofsted inspectors last November. They described it as "a haven for pupils . . a safe and orderly environment".

Geoff Wynne, the head teacher of the grant-main-tained school, said the victim of the attack suffered cuts and bruises and had to be taken to hospital. "I think the two girls who were responsible can count themselves extremely lucky the consequences were not more serious," he said. "I decided they should be expelled because I wanted to send a clear message this sort of behaviour is not

acceptable." Mr Wynne added: "When I first saw her report, I felt it was horrendous that a pay-ment of £300 should be made to the family. I felt it was wrong that the money should be paid. The panel are lay people who do their best to help the school but you have to view this dispassionately. When you make a mistake you have to take your medicine." | sisters went into the chapel to

School fined for | Nuns win fight to

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A COMMUNITY of nums yesterday thwarted a property developer who wanted a licence to serve alcohol in their former convent.

They persuaded magistrates not to grant a drinks licence for their former home, part of which has been converted into a banqueting suite. The sisters now live in a retreat in the convent grounds. Mother Robina and the nine

sisters from the tiny community of St Peter in Horbury near Wakefield, west Yorkshire, believed their listed Victorian convent was to be used for educational purposes when they sold the building in 1993 for £440, and three acres of ground for £265,000. to John Kirby, a local businessman. Part of the building was

already occupied by St Hilda's prep school, but yesterday Mother Robina told Wakefield Licensing Justices that she was shocked when Mr Kirby. a governor of the school, sought a licence for special events on an upper floor. She said afterwards: "We

are so pleased, this must be

divine intervention. All the

pray this morning at 10am just as the case was about to start. There has been a tremendous amount of praying over this. We hope this is the end of the matter, but if he comes back again, we are quite prepared to return to court."

The hearing was told that the Church of England order, which in the 1930s had more than 70 members, had faced a financial crisis. It was sold through one of Mr Kirby's companies to a trust which allowed another of his firms to administer it. The developer told the hearing that the he bought it, and he had spent £500,000 on renovation.

Two years ago the nuns successfully opposed his first application for a drinks liheld about 50 functions. He obtained occasional licences for about a dozen of them.

After the decision, Robert Campbell, Mr Kirby's solicitor, said: "We are sad that the local people did not appreciate that this could be of benefit for their community. At this stage there are no plans for an

High time to find a masterpiece

A VICTORIAN painting worth up to £180,000 has been found at a country house in Suffolk, \$0 years after the art market lost trace John Vost, managing di-

rector of a saleroom in New market, was doing a routine probate valuation when he spotted the painting —

Cleobulos instructing his daughter Cleobuline by Frederic, Lord Leighton hung high in a lofty hall.
He said: "I saw this picture

out of the corner of my eye at first. I assumed it would be a print but when I had a closer ook, I got a real tingle of

encitement."
The classical painting, measuring 2ft lin by 3ft 3in, was one of three exhibited by the artist at the Royal Acade-



The "lost" painting: valued at up to £180,000

my 1871 summer exhibition. to critical success, its whereabouts have been unknown since 1916. The catalogue for the Leighton cententary exhibition at The Royal Academy in Piccadilly, seen by 118,000 people between February and April this year, described the study as "untraced". Mr Vost discussed the dis-

estate, and decided the painting should be sold through Sotheby's in its major Victorian picture auction in London on November 6. The family

wish to remain anonymous. They always believed the study to be a Leighton, but had no idea of its potential auction value. Someby's estimated it to be £120,000 to £180,000. Martin Gallon,

The discovery of this virtually anknown work is particularly important as it is from a rich and intriguing phase of Lord Leighton's career."
Leighton had a passion for
the history and literature of

ancient Greece. Cleobulos was a teacher and a philosopher who became one of the seven wise men of Greece in 586BC. His daughter was renowned for her knowledge, and the painter imagined them together in a house based on the interior of his own home on Lindos. Leighton later used the divan in the design of a seat at Leighton House, Kensington.

By coincidence, the sale also includes a black and white chalk drawing for the painting. It has come from another owner and is estimat-



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Ineffective teaching verdict on troubled school sparks row

CHRIS Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, was at the centre of a furious row last night after claims that he had prejudged the findings of an emergency inspection of the school where teachers are threatening to strike unless 60 pupils are expelled.

The Institute of Directors' Surrey Downs branch issued an account of a breakfast meeting at which Mr Woodhead was asked about The Ridings School, in Halifax, west Yorkshire. He was said to have replied that though in-spectors had been in the school for only a day, they had are bored out of their minds because the teachers are not teaching them effectively" Mr Woodhead insisted that

his remarks referred to the discipline had broken down, and not to The Ridings specifically. But Clare Walker, the branch's press officer and company, said that she had a note of the meeting and had cleared the contents of the

release with her chairman. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. who will announce the result

Teachers at Manton Junior School went on indefinite strike yesterday as governors, local education chiefs and parents began a series of erisis meetings to try to resolve the dispute over ten-year-old Matthew Wilteaching staff, all members of the National Association Union of Women Teach-

ers, hope their action will persuade Matthew's mother. Pamela Cliffe, to send him to another school. of a strike ballot among his members at the school today, accused Mr Woodhead of

acting irresponsibly. "This is

outrageously premature and a

which is profoundly unhelpful in the circumstances." Mr de Gruchy said that behaviour problems at the school had made it difficult to teach well, but the staff remained committed. "The comments are unjustified and this is a disastrous way of conduct-

ng a high-profile inspection." The two-day inspection, led by Mike Tomlinson, Mr Woodhead's deputy, was ordered by Gillian Shephard,

Sermon on humility wins prize for best preacher

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ment Secretary. The findings are expected to be published FATHER William Anderson, a priest from Aberdeen, Mr Woodhead's remarks was yesterday named were made to an audience of Preacher of the Year after a about a hundred directors and two-hour service at South head teachers at a hotel in Croydon. Ms Walker said last Fr Anderson, 65, Canon of

the Education and Employ-

night: "I was surprised by

what he said and consulted

my chairman before issuing the release, but my notes make

it quite clear that he was

An Ofsted spokesman said it was likely that Mr Wood-

head would have received a

preliminary report of the first

fore the end of the exercise and no comment made in advance

of publication. The directors

must have misunderstood

what was being said."

The Calderdale education authority named a new head

teacher for The Ridings this

week after the resignation of

Karen Stansfield, who said the

job had exhausted her. The

appointment was part of a

package of measures to im-

prove discipline at the school,

but teachers are continuing to

Leading article and

demand mass expulsions.

sions would be drawn be-

referring to The Ridings."

within a formight.

St Mary's Cathedral, was "astounded" to be chosen over four other preachers to win the award, organised by sponsored by The Times. His sermon was based on Psalm 51: "The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart. O God, shalt thou not despise.

Afterwards Fr Anderson the only Roman Catholic to reach the shortlist of 30, from the total entry of 250, said: "I am amazed. I didn't think my sermon was particularly good.
"I think I preached better

in the bathroom this morning. This was a daunting congregation."
The Rt Rev Michael Turn-

bull, Bishop of Durham, who chaired the judges said that it was a majority decision. "Fr Anderson spoke to deep level, at a personal



level and at one applicable to

John Gummer, the Envinment Secretary, who was n the judging panel, said: about humility and there was a humility about him. Yet it was the humility of a man who was immensely well-read. He was a remark able preacher and as the first to preach, he had a particularly difficult point at which

In his sermon, Fr Anderson said: The battle goes on, in all of us, between pride and humility, and the lines can be blurred at times, the vice seeming almost to be the virtue." An Anglican friend

The battering ram of God's crush our anderlying pride." The other four preachers

were: the Rev Christopher Whitegate and St Peter Little Budworth, Cheshire, Dr Arnold Kellett, a Methodist lay preacher from Knaresbor-

ough, Yorkshire: Anne Peat an Anglicas lay reader from Hertfordshire and the Rev Bernard Thomas, South Wales valleys

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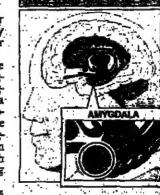
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Looking frightened makes everyone else feel scared too

By NIGEL HAWKES

THE sight of fear in another person's face instinctively leads the brain to prepare for action, scientists have found. A primitive structure in the left temporal lobe, the amygdala, is activated more strongly by a fearful face than by a happy the according to Pro-fessor Ray Dolan, of the Wellcome Department of Cognitive Neurology in Queen Square, London, who with colleagues reports the finding in Nature.

He says that the response is will into the brain from birth; and its origin is lost deep in evolution: "It is hard-wired, and innate. The sight of fear When we see fear in another person's face, it tells us to act quickly. We have found that it then communicates the signal to the front part of the brain



The team, including scien-tists from St Andrew's University, the Medical Research School of Medicine at the

"morphing" to create a graduated series of learful and happy faces. The volunteers were not told the real purpose of the experiment, but were simply asked to identify the gender of the face in each image. While they did so, animaging system - positron emission tomography - mea suring blood flow to see which

This showed that the left amygdala was the key region. greater to fearful faces than to happy ones. "The response occurred even when subjects were not consciously attending to the expressions, which sponse to emotional influences automatic and does not require conscious awarer

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Neighbours reported beatings but demoralised team ignored mother's threats to kill her son

Family says social services failed to protect Rikki Neave

RIKKI NEAVE'S family said yesterday that they blamed Cambridgeshire Social Ser-vices for the boy's suffering at the hands of his cruel mother.

Rikki, six, was on the council's at-risk register but the team that was meant to monitor him closely was poorly managed, overworked and under-resourced.

After Neave, 28, was acquit ted of killing her son but found guilty of cruelty yesterday Sandra Chesney, the boy's aunt, said: "This terrible tragedy could have been avoided if the professionals involved had carried out their duty that was expected of them. The family are calling for a public inquiry into the negligence of Cam-bridgeshire County Council to investigate why the law, which should have been there to protect Rikki, failed to do so."

Social workers failed to recognise that Rikki was being physically abused and ignored Neave's threat that she would kill her son unless he was taken into care.

Neave's abuse of Rikki was not secret, nor was it carried out behind closed doors at the scrully terrace house on the Welland Estate near Peterborough. After his murder, horrif-ic tales of what he suffered at the hands of his mother became evident and although social services say they were never aware of her worst excesses, neighbours say they

Rikki's absent father. Trevor Harvey, saw his son occasionally but said he never realised that Rikki was being

Rikki was born on March 4. 1988, in March, Cambridgeshire. By the time he was three his father had left the family. Soon after that his mother married Dean Neave, whom Rikki grew to hate.

When he was four Ricki was dangled from a bridge over a river while Neave and a friend



Harvey: absent father who did not suspect

The rear of the house on the notorious Welland Estate where the Neaves lived

away from his mother. His

repeated bruises and cuts

were explained away by

Neave as simple childhood

accidents. These lies were

believed, even though she was

sometimes violent towards

said: "Ruth always had an

explanation. She would say

that he had fallen down the

stairs or walked into a table.

We seemed to take her word

social services source

case workers.

bours reported seeing him repeatedly shaken, kicked like the side of a social worker's face, but social workers will a football and having washtell you that that doesn't ing-up liquid poured down his always translate into violence with kids. People are always throat when he called her name. Neave hit one of her asking us to take their kids daughters so hard over the into care and making threats. head with a hairbrush that it If we took them all, our children's homes would be broke. Rikki was also kept bursting." away from school when the bruises to his head became Despite numerous case and too obvious. Neave also family conferences, at no time pressed hard between his findid social workers conclude ger joints which, according to that Rikki should be taken

prosecution was very painful but left no marks". Although frightened of the dark, she would send him out alone late at night to fetch her drugs from dealers on the estate, dressed in only a Tshirt. Her dependence on amphetamines, which she injected daily, caused violent

Despite all this, Rikki always professed his love for her, pathetically calling out: "I love you muramy."

mood swings.

When Neave arrived on the Welland Estate in March 1992 the Cambridgeshire social services east team was in complete disarray. The estate is among the worst deprived in the county. One-parent families living on state benefit. drugs and children on the atrisk register are common problems. A crucial file on Neave's background was lost, tension among social services colleagues was rife, and the

For the last three months of us life Rikki's social worker was Debbie Lawson. She said: "It became increasingly clear that the problems within the east team were affecting the management of this case. I believe that only a thorough independent and public inquiry can bring all the facts into

the open."

Ms Lawson complained to her bosses soon after taking over Rikki's case that her workload was too big. Police sources said they were "appalled" to discover that Neave gave Ms Lawson a copy of her manuscript The Perfect Murder about someone who gets away with murder, but she left it in the back of her car, too busy to read it for several

Several unqualified social workers also called on the Neaves. One social services source said: "Ruth could be physically violent and on one

Disturbed child was victim of a troubled family

RUTH NEAVE had been known to social services for most of her life as the victim of.

a troubled family. Her father, Alex Greig, was confined to a wheelchair with motor neurone disease and her mother Anne had anorexia nervosa. The Greigs' other child. Mark, was born blind. Four years ago, Mr and Mrs Greig killed themselves.

Neave, 28, was taken into care at the age of two, a seriously disturbed child prone to screaming fits. Despite this and the fact that her parents attempted suicide to-gether a month later, she was allowed back to the family home in Lewisham, southeast London, as was her brother. ...

For the next two years she was in and out of local authority care, showing disturbed behaviour and signs of having been physically ill-treated. At the age of four she was taken into long-term care at the request of her mother, who feared that like herself, Ruth would grow up unable to show the love and responsibility necessary to bring up a child. Neave stayed with loster parents and in children's

homes in Cambridgeshire. She saw her parents irregularly and did not attend their funeral, after they committed suicide, using painkillers, at their home near Cambridge. When she was a teenager, Neave would play truant from

abscending with

friends to get drunk, and specialists diagnosed her as being an "inadequate psychopath". She received treatment.

inadequate psychopathy normally develops over a long period, quite often from adverse experiences in childhood. The expression usually turbed behaviour, possibly with connotations based on a lack of feelings towards others. The term "inadequate" when attached to "psychopath", usually denotes emotional immaturity and difficulty with social relationships Neave has been in trouble with the police several times in

the past for minor offences. At the age of 15 she was sent to the secure unit at an assessment centre in Peterborough. She behaved aggressively, and staff once had to wrestle a pair of scissors from her Neave's son, Rikki, was put

on the ar-risk register in April 1994 at his mother's request a year after she first asked for him to be taken into care. She had threatened to kill him unless something was done because she could not cope with his behaviour, which was caused by her own vio-

lence towards him. Rikki had been taken into care on several occasions to give Neave a break, often when she wanted a weekend alone with his stepfather, Dean. They married while he was in prison in 1991.

gone in and taken charge of things, it would have been different. Ruth had been known to us for more than 20 vears and it was welldocumented as to what she was like as a teenager. On a number of different occasions we had enough to take Rikki

Ted Unsworth, director des-Ignate of Cambridge Social Services, said: "Social Services staff were working to a care plan aimed at protecting the children and supporting the family as a whole, and normal decision-making processes were followed. I believe, with hindsight, we persisted for too long with a strategy in line with the principles in the Children Act 1989, which was designed to keep the family

Demands for a public inqui-ry were backed by the social workers union Unison, which said that it had been raising concerns about the east team in Peterborough since 1992.



Neave, whose mother feared she would grow up unable to show love to a child

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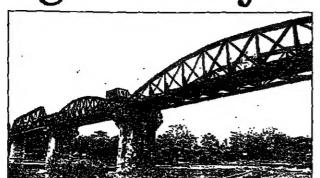
IN KANCHANABURI

THE BRIDGE over the River Kwai joined two worlds yes-terday. In modern Bangkok. the Queen was speaking of the importance of remembering national truditions in the hightech future. At cemeteries near the Kwai, the Duke of Edinburgh honoured British forces who died as slave labourers in

a horrific past. The Duke, who is president of the Burma Star Association, broke off from the Queen's state visit to see the graves of prisoners of war killed by cruelty, disease, exhaustion and malnutrition while building the Burma railway for their Japanese captors. His presence surprised a party of 33 British widows, sisters, children and grandchildren brought by the Royal British Legion to see the war graves.

many for the first time. The royal visitor flew over the bridge itself, making two low passes by helicopter as British and Japanese tourists took holiday snaps, but a plan for him to visit it by launch was abandoned. The cancellation was partly explained by recent flooding and partly by Palace officials who claimed he did not have enough time. But they were also concerned at the possible reaction of veterans' associations who dislike the bridge being turned

into a tourist attraction. It is not the original wooden



The Kwai railway bridge: the Duke's planned stop by river launch was changed to a fly-past

trestle structure - blown up in the film by Alec Guinness but a more substantial concrete and steel structure that replaced it in 1943. It was bombed by Allied planes in the last months of the war. Two steel spans were replaced by the Japanese after their surrender as part of war reparations.

Tourists wander nonchalantly across, oblivious to gaping holes revealing the river 30ft below. The surroundings are shabby and clogged with stalls selling cheap souvenirs. although there is a plan by Australian veterans to erect a

proper memorial. Among 60,000 Allied troops captured at the fall of Singapore, and put to work building 250 miles of jungle track to supply Japanese invasion forces in northern Thailand and Burma, 16,000 died along with at least 80,000 Asian slave labourers. The Kanchanaburi War Cemetery has

6.982 of their graves.

Among the pilgrims at a brief memorial service was Albert Felton, from Loughton. Essex. He came to find the grave of his brother George. who died on the railway in 1942, aged 28. Mr Felton said: "I last saw him in 1940. As I got older, I felt I ought to come out and pay his grave a visit. I am amazed how beautifully

Rachel Jones, 74, from Carmarthen, was on her second visit to the grave of her brother Evan, who died on the railway aged 26. She brought letters written by him in captivity and forwarded after his death. One said: "Nobody really knows what freedom is until they get in the condition we are in. Roll on the day when

survivors, Trevor Dakin, 76. originally from Duffield, Derbyshire. He went to live in Canada after the war but on his his retirement from a sales career he came to live in Thailand near the bridge. He said: "I came to Thailand to be reconciled. It has been good for me and so has my new Thai wife, Saiboa.

The Duke also laid a wreath at the cemetery at nearby Chungkai, where 1,400 Britons are buried. He later flew to the town of Nakhon Sawan to open a new E0 million relay transmitter for the BBC World Service, built to replace one in Hong Kong after next year's handover to China.

In Bangkok, at an exhibition of Thai manuscripts, the Oueen said: "Concern is sometimes expressed that young people can so freely gain experience of other societies that they risk losing contact with their own. It is natural for them to wish to experience the latest innovations in computer technology and visual or audio entertainment.

"But I am happy to say that many still combine this interest with participation in their own national way of life and. as they grow older, come to appreciate it ever more keenly. Notwithstanding the variety of experience open to young people. I am still confident that our own distinctive identiries can be preserved."



The Duke at Kanchanaburi. A victim wrote: "Nobody knows what freedom is"

Rivalry in royal trips denied by **Palace**

BY EMMA WILKINS

A VISIT by Diana. Princess Wales in Australia is not intended to overshadow the final days of the Queen's state visit to Thailand, Bucking-

ham Palace said vesterday. The Princes's four-day visit, which will raise thousands of pounds for research into heart disease, was cleared with Palace officials several months ago. In accordance with the terms of the Princess's divorce agreement, she must seek the Queen's permission before

undertaking foreign visits. "We took the view that these are very different programmes in different parts of the world." a Buckingham

Palace spoke-man said. Any suggestion of a snub is wide of the mark. The Princess was asked some months ago by the Australian charity and the date was set in

The Princess is attending a fundraising dinner tonight in aid of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute. So far 800 tickets have been sold at £500 each for the

will visit the Victor Chang institute, named after Australia's leading heart surgeon who was murdered five years ago. The murder remains

Police believe they have talked to Josie's attacker

By RICHARD DUCE

POLICE believe they have already interviewed the psychotic killer of Lin Russell and arrest soon, it emerged

The man leading the hunt for the double murderer is convinced his detectives have seen the man who also left Josephine Russell, 9, for dead during the hammer attack in

rural Kent four months ago. Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens said yesterday: "I believe we have probably aiready spoken to the person responsible. But we do have over 5.000 people on our database whom we have questioned and it is a matter of

narrowing those down. There are a handful of people in the area who have been very evasive and we are still looking at them ... We are getting there and hopefully in the not-too-distant future

we will be making an arrest." Mr Stevens said he believed that whoever killed Mrs Russell and her daughter was paedophile who decided to attack the girls as they walked home from school with their mother. "It may be that Lin got in the way of a paedophile intent on harming the two

girls," he said. "We have to ask what was the motive? Was it the children or the mother? Or was it someone fulfilling a fantasy? There doesn't seem to be anyone in Lin's background that would want her dead."

-lesephine suffered serious head injuries in the attack last July. Her speech has been badly impaired but she has been able to rell police what happened during the attack. Speech therapists have devixed a special system of communication for Josie and she uses models and felt

what happened. "This is a very slow, painful process for Josie as she restuff she is giving us is really, really important. She has told us that as they were walking down the lane they had to step aside as a car passed them." Mr Stevens said.

Later, the car blocked their path and a man got out. He produced a hammer and first attacked Lin. Josie ran off but he chused after her and pulled her back to the spot, before attacking her and then her

sister and the dog." Mrs Russell, 45, and Megar were buried fast month in North Wales where the family had lived up until a year before the killings. Her hus-band. Dr Shaun Russell, is selling their cottage in Nonington, Kent, and plans to return to North Wales with



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MENS IN BRIEF Birt asks **Ministers** for funds

John Birt, the BBC's Direc-tor-General, has called for more government cash to help to offset a possible £40 million gap in World Service funding in five years. He wants the Foreign Office to increase its grant and enter a increase its grant and enter a five-year funding deal. Sam Younger, managing director of the service, told MPs that the service might have to cut at least six language services.

Exports cheer

Beer exports for the second quarter of this year were a record £69 million. and exports of cider, perry and wine have doubled in about five years. Beer's big markets are the US, Japan and Italy.

Lethal fireworks Police have issued a warning

over a missing consignment of fireworks resembling large onions, marked Northern Fireworks. They could kill if detonated by a member of the public.

Mugging death A 92-year-old woman who

was mugged after collecting ber pension has died in hosp ital a week after the attack. Helen Bootle was found in a street near her home in Leigh, Greater Manchester.

Pleasurable end

The Stone Roses have split. Singer lan Brown said it was a pleasure to declare the demise after a decade in "the filthiest business in the universe". The rack band was formed in 1984.

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Shake-up will mean households can shop around for clean energy, MPs say

Green power choice for consumers

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE in British cities will soon be able to choose between electricity from wind turbines in Wales or small hydroelectric schemes in Scotland or the West Country, it emerged

Liberalisation of the energy market in 1998 could dramatically increase the development of wind farms and other green energy schemes. MPs and environmentalists said at a conference organised by the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group. Households will for the first time be able to choose the kind of generator that will provide

nounced they were diversifying into banking, are expected to become electricity companies selling power to homes. But Martin Alder, formerly of Wessex Water and a founder of the Renewable Energy Company, said that consumers would also be able to buy environmentally friendly energy from wind farms, from landfill gasinto-electricity schemes, small-scale hydroelectric projects and woodpower schemes.

Another company, Green Electron. already has a pilot project with Stroud Council in Gloucestershire in advance of the liberalisation of the market. The council's electricity needs have been calculated.

The company has matched this to a pool of green generators including a hydroelectric project run by the

monks at Buckfast Abbey in Devon. The council's contract with Green Electron, which is based in Bristol, covers payments to the power operators and the charges levied by the National Grid to distribute the

electricity.

Mr Alder said that his company expected to supply homes with elec-tricity at prices close to those offered by traditional but more polluting coal, oil and gas generators.

There has been a sharp fall in the cost of generating electricity from technologies such as wind turbines as more and more have come on stream in recent years. A survey released by the Parliamentary energy group showed that 21 per cent of people — about four million housepeople — about four million house-holds — were prepared to pay more

They said they were prepared to pay on average an extra £64 a year to reduce pollution and the threat of global warming, although 65 per cent of the 1,000 people questioned by Mori said they would prefer to buy green-generated electricity but only if it cost no more than that generated by

fossil fuels or nuclear power stations. Frank Cook, MP, chairman of the group, said: The British people do not want the lowest possible bills if it means more pollution and global warming. They want a green energy future and, if necessary, they are

ready to pay for it." About 2 per cent of Britain's electricity is at present generated by renewable energies. The Labour

for electricity if it was generated in an environmentally friendly way.

Party has promised to increase that to 10 per cent by 2010. Mr Alder said his greatest concern was that so many people would be eager to sign green electricity contracts, there would initially not be enough

Supporters believe green schemes that reduce not only carbon dioxide but also sulphur dioxide. nitrogen gases and other pollutants linked with smog and ill health should get tax incentives to reflect their impact on reducing costs, for example, to the NHS. That might help protect them from being driven to the wall after 1998. Some experts fear that the big generators may drive electricity prices so low that environmentally friendly schemes like wind power

Ministers salute the innovation that reduced pedestrian deaths

The zebra crossing 45 today and still a lifesaver

By Lin Jenkins

THE zebra crossing, which spawned the panda and peli-can and was even in at the birth of Tufty, today cele-brates its forty-fifth anniver-sary. It remains the single most important measure in reducing the number of pe-destrian deaths each year. When it was introduced in Slough, Berkshire, there was only a tenth of the traffic now seen on the roads. Up until then pedestrian casualties were high because few motorists noticed, or bothered to notice, the existing crossings, which were marked by metal studs in the road. Those on foot could see them clearly but the motorist felt the familiar bumps only in the seconds before he or she collided with a pedestrian.

"Others things were tried but nothing had the visual impact that made the zebra crossing so successful," Graham Goodwin, of the Transport Department, said.

The familiar amber globes brainchild of Leslie Hore-Belisha, Transport Minister



The DoT four: Sir George Young leads his transport team of John Watts, John Bowis, and Lord Goschen safely across the road yesterday

from the zebra crossings' inception but the lollipop lady did not feature until 1954 and the passing of the School Crossing Patrol Act.

Transport Department sta-tistics show that in 1926, when the car was not the common commodity of today, there were 4.886 deaths on the road. Last year there were 3,621, about ten a day. In 1927 of those who died on the roads 2,774 were pedestrians.

Abbey Road album ensured that the zebra crossing became immortalised. Tourists still stop the traffic as they graph taken on the crossing outside the Abbey Road recording studio in Maida Vale, north London.

Four transport minister led by Sir George Young, the Secretary of

stopped short of wearing the distinctive white suit like that worn by John Lennon, or taking their shoes off to mimic Paul McCartney. They also insisted on posing on the crossing near their Marsham Street offices in Westminster, rather than in Abbey Road.

modernise the zebra crossing failed. Panda crossings. where the road was marked activated a flashing amber light for motorists, were abandoned after a year in 1962.

The X crossing, where a white X told motorists they could proceed white a flashing green man told pedestriit was safe to cross, was also found to be too confus ing to drivers. In 1969 the normal traffic lights.

However, because the 2e

form of crossing, with an estimated 11,000 in the United

One mother of six painted her own in 1972 to highlight the need for one at Darlaston, Staffordshire, and was given a 12-month conditional discharge after being prose-ented under the Highways Act. Rag week students paint ed one across the Mi near Rotherham, South Yorkshire in 1980 but were unpunished.

Record manpower shortfall for Army

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR accused the Government of "gross ministerial incompetence" yesterday after the latest official figures showed that the Army is short of 5.350 soldiers.

The record shortfall, announced by Nicholas Scames. the Armed Forces Minister, in a written Commons answer. indicates that the Army's manpower crisis has not been resolved despite heavy adver-tising and promotion cam-paigns in the past 12 months.

A year ago the shortfall was 4,000 trained soldiers and 1,000 untrained soldiers. Since then, General Sir Michael Rose, the Adjutant General responsible for Army personnel, has mounted new recruiting drives to fill the gap. Yesterday's new ligures showed the overall shortage had risen by another 350. A spokesman for the Army. however, said overall recruitment was up 35 per cent on last year. The pass rate for all recruits after attending initial training was also up 15 per cent on the same period.

Nevertheless, the latest figures indicate that the Army has failed to retain enough trained soldiers. By April 1 next year, the trained strength of the Army will have dropped to 101,000, including the Gur-kha regiments, compared to the requirement of 104,000. Mr Soames said.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "It beggars belief that ministers have overseen such gross

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Man who taught chapter and verse to Booker winners

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

has produced some writers

but I don't think that's because

Dulwich as an institution has

any particular literary pur-pose or ambition. But I have

certainly never forgotten Lau-

Terry Walsh, secretary of the old boys' association, the Alleyn Club, said that the

school's English teaching in the latter half of this century

was shaped by Mr Jagger: With him, creative writing

came to the school before it

was fashionable elsewhere.

There are people who teach

and a very few inspirational

those. He was a great encourager with tremendous

Mr Jagger was insistent that he had done nothing for Ondaatje's literary career. He

recalled: "I only remember

him for cricket. He couldn't

write sentences and showed

no sign of creativity. That

came later." Another Old

teachers. Laurie was one of

rie Jagger.

A RETIRED English teacher reflected happily on his memories yesterday. Another of his old boys had done rather well. It was his second Booker Prize winner in four years. Laurie Jagger, 71, taught Graham Swift, 47, whose nov-

el Last Orders scooped this year's £20,000 prize, and Michael Ondaatje, 53, who received the 1992 award for The English Patient. Both were pupils at Dulwich College, which has also produced such eminent men of letters as P. G. Wodehouse, Raymond Chandler and C. S. Forester.

Mr Jagger spotted Swift's talent at an early age. On Swift's final school report before taking up an exhibition place at Cambridge, the teacher wrote: "A very skilled craftsmen with words."

Yesterday Mr Jagger, who has retired to Shropshire and still corresponds with his former pupil, recalled: "I always worried that he wouldn't have anything to say even though he always said it beautifully. But clearly he does have something to say."

Mr Jagger, who taught at Dulwich College for 30 years and was head of English for 20 until 1980, added: "I am

delighted that he won. He was the most creative chap I ever taught. He wasn't very good at criticism - 1 remember he was unable to place Elizabethan and Jacobean lyries in the right order — but no one could teach him about writing. He did parodies of Chaucer. which were perfect. He was very quiet always and so I made him play Cordelia when

we did King Lear." Mr Jagger is modest about his own role in nurturing talent, pointing to the importance of the huge number of scholarships available at Dul-wich which attract the brightest boys from all backgrounds. "And in the English departments we had young teachers. I gave up when I was 58 but I think all teachers. especially English teachers, should be sacked at 50."

Graham Swift said of Mr Jagger: "He was an inspirational teacher without any of the rather evangelical connotations that that might have. He was quiet and gentle.

"My feelings about the school I went to are mixed as most people's are. If you go to an institution to be educated then institutionalisation occurs. It appears that Dulwich



Michael Ondaatje and Graham Swift: followed in the steps of Wodehouse, Chandler and Forester

Party leaders back armistice silence

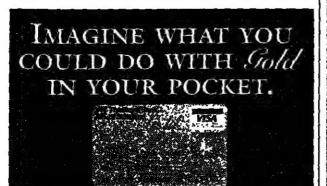
... By James Landale, political reporter

Blair and Paddy Ashdown in backing the Royal British Legion's call for a nationwide two-minute silence at Ham on Armistice Day.

Large sections of Britain will come to a halt on Monday, November 11, to pay tribute to the sacrifice of the nation's war dead and injured. The broadcast media will be among thousands of organisations to observe the silence.

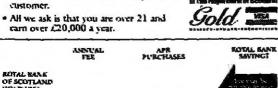
JOHN Major has joined Tony The Prime Minister said it was fitting, as the legion had recognised, that people should have the opportunity on Armistice Day "to remember and to resolve anew that the sacrifice of those who gave their lives

shall not be in vain". ☐ The German airline Lufthansa has put back a publicity launch in London scheduled for Ilam on Armistice Day to 11.15 that day after protests from British war veterans.



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Laurie Jagger "was quiet, gentle and inspirational". Graham Swift said. "I have never forgotten him."

Alleynian whose cricket seemed to dwarf his literary leanings was P.G. Wodehouse. He used to knock off cricket articles for Public School Magazine after his prep. He said his six years at the college went like a breeze, and West Dulwich was immortalised as Valley Fields in his fiction. His 1899 school report from

Gilkes. his headmaster, praised his interest in literature and said he often talked with enthusiasm but said: "I fear he has spent too much thought upon his cricket and the winning of colours. He is a most impractical boy - continually he does badly at examinations from lack of the proper books: he is most forgetful. He finds difficulties

in the most simple things and asks absurd questions, whereas he understands the more difficult things.

He has the most distorted ideas about wit and humour: he draws over his books and examination papers in the most distressing way and writes foolish thymes in other people's books. One is obliged to like him in spite of his

vagaries. If he perseveres, he will certainly succeed.

Raymond Chandler was also well remembered for his sporting prowess, excelling cricket field. In later life, he said he was able to write American detective stories only because he had a solid



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'Outrageous' Tory bias must end, say Labour peers

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

HEREDITARY peers saved the Government from defeat 66 times in the past year, Labour said yesterday in a new attack on Tory bias in the House Lords.

Lord Richard, Shadow Leader of the Lords, said that the figures proved that there was an urgent need for reform. "I think this bias is politically unfair. I think it's constitutionally outrageous, I think it's historically anachronistic, and I think it has to be mutright."

Labour has pledged to abolish the rights of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the Lords and in the long term it is considering the setting up of an elected upper chamber. Their analysis shows that, out of 100 votes in the Lords in the last parliamentary session, the Government suffered only ten defeats. But more than two thirds of their victories were achieved with the help of hereditary peers

hereditary peers.

In some cases the Tories were "ferrying peers in from their estates" to help to win a vote, Labour said. Some peers had hardly ever been in the Lords except in times of crisis, and even the longest serving clerks could not recognise

"The Tory working peers are bad enough at attending."
Lord Richard said. "We know the Government is in crisis

when Lord Forte and Lord Hanson make a rare appearance and the Government is trying to avert a catastrophe when we see Lord Moore in the House. But when the longlost hereditaries arrive, we know we are likely to lose,"

There are 466 Tory peers, 33 more than when Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979. In that time Labour's strength has fallen by 28 to 111. The Labour benches have 15 hereditary peers, the Liberal Democrats have 24, the cross benches have 320. Lord Richard said that on their past record the Tory hereditaries would try to thwart as much of

Labour policy as they could.

The last Labour government

suffered an average 67 defeats a year.

This demonstrates the outrageous advantages enjoyed by the Conservative Party in the House of Lords, whether in government or in opposition," he said. He highlighted several of the most controversial votes last year which were won by the Government only after the hereditary peers were

They included an amendment to prevent the Ministry of Defence from selling off the married quarters estates. After a three-line whip the Government managed to prevent the amendment by 256

votes to 176. Without the hereditary peers it would have

"They won regardless of the merits of their arguments," Lord Richard said. "Some of their peers didn't even listen to all the deabtes before voting."

He promised that the next Labour government would introduce a Bill to change the composition of the Lords, and warned hereditary peers that they would find it difficult to prevent their dismissal.

Under the Salisbury Con-

Under the Salisbury Convention, the Lords do not vote down any Government's election manifesto commitments. Lord Richard said: "They would be mad to overturn that and start using guerrilla tactics. It would provoke a major constitutional crisis."

Yesterday government sources ridiculed Labour's attempt to discredit hereditary peers on the basis of their voting record. A senior peer said: "In a house where the majority of peers are hereditaries it's hardly surprising that they affect the votes. The Government is not the least bit embarrassed of its hereditaries. They work very hard.

"The reason Labour have lost out on working peers is because they went through a period in the 1980s when they refused to put up any names. So it is sheer hypocrisy to complain now."



Lord Taylor outside Parliament yesterday with his wife, Kathie, their children Laura, left, and Alexandra, and his mother, Enid

Lords welcome the man Cheltenham rejected

By ALICE THOMSON

JOHN TAYLOR became the first black Tory yesterday to take a seat in the Lords and said it was the "rainbow after the rain".

Four years ago he and his family suffered racial abuse after he was selected to stand as Tory parliamentary candidate in the party's Cheltenham stronghold. He had to cope with offensive letters and cartoons that circulated in the spa town and was defeated by the Liberal Democrats. Yesterday Lord Taylor of Warwick

said that his introduction to the Lords had been as emotional as his wedding and the birth of his two daughters.

Laura and Alexandra.

In his red robes and ermine, he soon had the measure of the oldest gentleman's club on the Thames. Peers from all sides shouted congratulations, the tea ladies knew his name and the barwoman was honoured to serve him. He had drinks with the Lord Chancellor but declined interviews with Hellot and the Big Breakfast.

At 43 Lord Taylor will be one of the youngest in the House and is already

tipped for front-bench job. A broadcaster and barrister, he wants to focus on morality, crime and education. "There is no point in using this place as a club to smoke cigars," he said. "It is inevitable that people will talk about me as a black role model but it is dangerous to call me their spokesiman. Most blacks want the same as whites. I see myself as one of the emerging middle class Afro-Saxons. We are not going back. We can contribute. I speak for the silent majority of blacks who

n't muggers." Je said he was stonned when he was approached by the Prime Minister at a garden party in Downing Street. "He asked how I would feel if he made me a working peer. I said that would be tremendous, thinking it would happen in the next ten years. But he said, 'No, John, it's going to happen in the next few weeks'. I was

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gobsmacked."

He added: "My late father was a professional cricketer for Warwickshire in the Forties and Fifties and it was his ambition for me to play at Lord's — but I'm sure he would settle for this."



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After-school clubs 'must pay their way'

By Jul Sherman, chief political correspondent

LABOUR yesterday announced its after-school club scheme to help single parents into work, making clear that it would not be state-funded.

Harriet Harman, Shadow Social Security Secretary, said that the running costs would be paid by parents and employers, with help from the National Lottery. She refused to promise any state funding, despite claims from pressure groups that the clubs would need at least £250 million in start-up costs in the first five

years of a Labour government.
Under Labour's scheme,
parents would pay up to £2S a
week for a child to be supervised in schools or play centres
until 5.30pm. Activities such
as sport, art and drama would

be provided.

Ms Harman said that the charges would be on a sliding scale, according to ability to pay. The clubs would be available to all families, but single parents might benefit

include the sender's mant

most because fewer were in

work at present.

"After-school clubs give mothers extra time in which they can work. This is vital for lone mothers who often need to work more than school hours to be better off than on benefits." Ms Harman said. "They also re-create as closely, as possible the opportunities that children used to have to

play out safely."
Yesterday the Kids Club
Network, which has set up
3,400 after-school clubs; said
that a further 10,000 would
cost at least £250 million over
five years. This would provide
only two clubs for every three
primary schools.

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Straw takes new line on knife ban

By RICHARD FORD

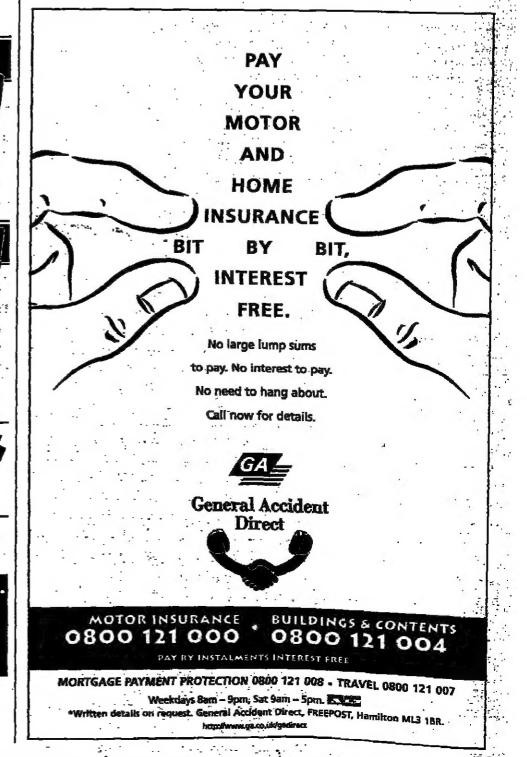
LABOUR conceded yesterday that there are difficulties in producing the legal definition of a combat knife needed to ban such weapons.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, accepts that a specific ban would have too many loopholes and is calling instead for a more comprehensive ban with a system of exemptions.

Michael Howard has prom-

ised that the Government will ban combat knives if a workable definition can be found. Mr Straw and Alex Carille, the Liberal Democrat home-affairs spokesman, have now written to him, suggesting the exemption system. They say: "The burden of proof that a knife or other weapon falls within an exemption would then lie on the defendant".

They also called for controls on mail-order sales of knives with names such as "Rambo sidearm" and the "Validator".



Magistrates' Association council divided over who should be elected to succeed outspoken leader

JPs consider their verdict on law-and-order debate

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

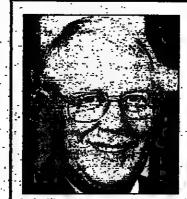
LEADERS of the 29,000 magistrates in England and Wales are at odds over who is to become their new spokesman, at a time that law and order has become central to political debate. The council of the Magistrates' Association is to vote next month on who should succeed Rosemary Thomson, the most outspoken

leader of the magistracy in recent years.

Mrs Thomson has increased the public prominence of the association, regularly appearing on radio and television with criticisms of government criminal justice policy where JPs have thought it would

The contest is being keenly warched by Home Office officials, some of whom would prefer the magistrates to have a less troublesome spokesman in the runup to the general election. David Baker, honorary, treasurer of the association. for the past five years, and Anne Fuller, the deputy chairman, are the contenders

The 110 members of the council are



magistrates had a minimal role in public

in building societies. Was educated at Wolstanton County Grammar School Newcastle-under-Lyme, in Staffordshire. Is married with two children, and grandchildren. Mr Baker has been a JP since 1970; member of the council of the Magistrates' Association since 1984. He sat on the sentencing of offenders and sentencing guidelines committees of the association, and on other committees with ernment departments. Mr Baker chairs the Somerset Magistrates' Courts'
Committee, which handles appointments of

JPs. He is also a member of the local

David Baker. Age 64. Career (of 39 years)

seping their cards close to their chests. debate. Some would like to see a man in But there is much behind-the-scenes the job - not wishing the association to have its third consecutive woman leader, lobbying in what is likely to be a close-run vote. One JP said: "Everyone is in huddles and someone who is not from the South East. Mr Baker is from Torquay, while One camp favours fewer media appear-Mrs Fuller, like Mrs Thomson, is from ances and a return to the days when

the Home Counties. However, there are also those who want to build on Mrs Thomson's work and take it forward. Mrs Fuller, they argue, is best fitted to do this and should be elected, regardless of gender or

Mrs Thomson herself is believed to favour Mrs Fuller, a member of the Kingston upon Thames bench in south

London since 1975 and chairman of its youth panel and in charge of betting licensing. The two women have worked closely for the past three years.

Anne Fuller. Age 60. Career since 1958 as

She is married with three children. BA

market research executive — now freelance.

Hons (English), University of London: law

IP since 1975, and a member of the council

of the Magistrates' Association since 1984.

Member of all council committees and

various committees with government departments. Deputy chairman of youth and family panels on the Kingston upon

Thames bench. National co-ordinator for

the Magistrates in the Community Project, promoting and teaching people about the

diploma in child protection and senior course in criminology. Mrs Fuller has been a

But Mr Baker, who is chairman of Somerset and South Avon branch as well as of the Taunton Deane bench, is supported by those who argue that Mrs and her outspokenness should be fol lowed by a period of "taking stock", as Mr Baker puts it.

All agree that Mrs Thomson will be a hard act to follow. Neither candidate would lead from the front as much as Mrs Thomson, and both would delegate to the association's committee chairmen more of the task of speaking on behalf of the organisation. They are both likely to give government an easier time.

Mrs Fuller said: "Our first priority is to speak up for magistrates and to present their policy. Where that is different from government policy, we would say so. But it is not our role to criticise the Government and its stand - our policy is that of our members. Once something has become law, we would uphold it."

Mr Baker said: "I am keen on

consistency of sentencing and guidelines to improve that. But I am not for lay magistrates giving their point of view on imprisonment or otherwise - that is a matter for the legislators and it is for us to keep within the ambit of the legislation."

Students vote to boycott Bar scheme for trainee places

BAR students have voted to boycott the profession's first clearing house scheme which they say has left more than 1,000 of them without firstround offers of trainee places

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The first offers under the new scheme went out to Bar students last week. Some 365 students have attracted all 850 offers available, leaving about 1,400 students in limbo.

At the same time, the pupillages applications clearing house (PACH) is having administrative teething problems. There are reports of chambers not having received. students' applications, or sudents receiving three letters

pillages) has been taken up, after which the Bar Council would provide a list of remaining vacancies. But that list will not be available until Novem-

Students at the Inns of Court school of law (the Bar School) have voted to draw up their own list of vacancies and make their own applications, "cutting the Bar Council out of the equation", as one put it.

The students are reluctant to be named, fearing it would prejudice their chances of a place. One said: "Basically the Bar Council seems more concerned about saving its clearing scheme than our chances of finding a training place. We



A group of Bar students who are unhappy about the clearing house for trainees to find places in chambers. About 1,400 are in limbo

that have arisen. The prob-lem," one said, "is that they did not anticipate the huge number of applications there would be and the system just

said: "By last week's deadline, there were 1,800 applications for 850 places. Within the week it was possible for us to turn around all the offers

through their shortlists, he added. After that, lists of places would be published and students would be free to approach chambers.

students to go "freelance". The new system was designed to be much fairer and to end the

old "law of the jungle" that prevailed, with students having to send off multiple applications and expending much time, money and effort in

basis of minimal teething

are any concerns they will be taken on board for next year." There was "huge demand" for the Bar which the profession tant to have some kind of

systematic clearing house."

Euro 96 headlines were in 'bad taste'

JINGOISTIC headlines about the German football team during Euro 96 were "offensive and in bad taste" the Press Complaints Commission has

The Commission received 300 complaints from the public. It said that headlines such as "Achtung Surrender — For You Fritz Ze European Championship Is Over" in the Daily Mirror, "Let's Blitz Fritz" in The Sun and "Herr We Go — Bring On The Krauts" in the Daily Star had "significantly ... misjudged the public mood". But it said the headlines were "clearly not intended to incite prejudice directed at specific individuals on the ground of their

Members of the Commission agreed that there was no breach of the PCC's code on discrimination, but said they wanted to "place on record" their concern that editors had tion" of combining support for Britain's sportsmen women with tolerance and fair play towards others.

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Trial was parody of justice'

IN HUNG KONG

THERE was outrage across Hong Kong's political spectrum yesterday at the 11-year jail sentence imposed by a court in Peking on Wang Dan, the Chinese dissident.

Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party, which holds the most seats in the Legislative Council, said: "This is bad news for the people of Hong Kong ... what Wang Dan has done is to say something which is the truth." Allen Lee, the Liberal Party chairman and member of the Peking-appointed Preparatory Committee for establishing the post-1997 gov-ernment, said: The sentence is too much.

Chris Patten, the Gover nor, said the crimes for which Wang had been sentenced were activities which in most including Hong would be entirely

Amnesty International described Wang's trial as a parody of justice. "It is clear that the verdict and the sen tence against him had been decided in advance," London-based group said.

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Wang Dan, the Chinese dissident who was jailed for II years in Peking yesterday

Leading Peking dissident Wang jailed for 11 years

Wang's parents head for court in Peking yesterday

leading dissidents, was senjail for conspiring to subvert the Communist Government He is to appeal but observers said there was little likelihood of success.

Western diplomats said that with his conviction Peking had virtually crushed all political opposition at a time when Deng Xiaoping, 92, the para-mount leader, lies ailing and the hardline Communist leadership has yet to grasp the prominent student leader in the 1989 pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square which was brutally crushed by the authorities, has been an outspoken critic of human

rights abuses in China. Wang, who had served almost four years' jail for his role in the Tiananmen movement, continued to speak out for democracy on his release from jail in 1993. He campaigned for political change and tolerance, writing essays critical of the Government that were published abroad. He helped other dissidents in

WANG DAN, one of China's financial difficulties and accepted aid from overseas that the alleged crimes he was convicted for would, in most countries, be considered normal political activity. The heavy sentence was also likely to cause dismay in Hong Kong, which returns to Chi-

nese rule next year. Besides the li-year sentence. Wang was deprived of his political rights for a further two years, the Xinhua news agency said:

less than four hours to convict Wang. Although she declared mediate People's Court. United States, Canada, Chile and France were also not

permitted to attend the trial. The verdict was delivered after

the trial was "open, fair and legitimate", a heavy police cordon prevented foreign journalists from approaching Peking's Number One Inter-Foreign observers from the

half-hour deliberation. Judge Cai remained expressionless throughout, said the dissident's father, Wang Xiangzeng, who attended the trial with his wife and oldest daughter.
"Not one witness was sum-

moned," he said. "The judge did not uphold the justice and dignity of the law ... how can writing articles constitute a crime?" he asked.

Judge Cai said Wang's writings showed that his aim was not merely to express his political views or voice opinions to the Government, as he had claimed, but were meant to mould public opinion for overthrowing the legitimate

Government. Xinhua alleged that Wang had colluded secretly with hostile overseas organisa-tions, had slandered the Government and carried out activities aimed at endangering state security.

Later, Wang Xiangzeng said his son was innocent of any crime. "All that he has done was above board ... for China's democracy."

The Wang conviction is a slap in the face for Western governments that appealed to Peking to improve its human rights record, diplomats said.

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Argentine army chief to visit

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE chief of the Argentine Army, who was held prisoner during the Falklands conflict in 1982, is due to arrive in Britain on Sunday for the highest-ranking official visit to

London since the fighting.

The three-day visit of Lieutenant-General Martin Balza, Argentina's Chief of General Staff, is the latest and most significant official military contact between the two

His visit, which will include a meeting with his British. counterpart, General Sir. Charles Guthrie, and a trip to Tidworth garrison in Hampshire, was announced yester-day as Rogelio Pfirter, Argentine Ambassador in London, appealed to the Goveroment to lift the British arms embargo, which has:

Señor Pfirter said: believe the arms embargo is unfair and increasingly anachronistic, and we hope it

will be lifted in time." General Balza's visit follows allegations in a British television documentary that a former Argentine intelligence chief tried to acquire spare parts for Argentine naval frig-ates in breach of the embargo. Señor Pfirter denied

Bribe case adds to Rao woes

PROM REUTEN

INDIAN police indicted P.V. Narasimha Rao, the former Prime Minister, yesterday in a vote-buying case, hours after he appeared in court on forgery charges.

The indictment for bribery and the court appearanc≤ have clouded the legacy of the man who opened the nation's economy to foreign investment and trade. The Central Bureau of Investigation said it charged Mr Rao with conspiring to pay MPs from a regional party £62,000 to vote against a 1993 no-confidence motion, which Mr Rao's Congress Party narrowly won.

The bribery charges were also filed against two other Congress members, as well as four members of the regional Jharkand Mukti Morcha Party. The former Prime Minister

serving Prime Minister appear in court on crimina claims that while he was Foreign Minister in 1989 he had the Indian consulate in New York authenticate what he knew were false documents aimed at defaming political opponent.

Digital Terrestrial Television Advertisement of Multiplex Licences

The Independent Television Commission (ITC) is inviting applications for four licences to provide digital terrestrial television multiplex services. The licences are for those multiplexes other than the two which will carry the services of the BBC, Channels 3 and 4 and

The licences, if granted, will be for a term of 12 years and will be awarded in accordance with the terms of the Broadcasting Acr 1996.

Licensees will be authorised to broadcast those digital programme services and digital additional services which are themselves separately licensed. In the case of Multiplex A some capacity is reserved for Channel 5 and S4C Digital services. Services will be expected to be on-air, subject to international frequency clearances, not later than 1 July 1998.

The Invitation to Apply specifying the terms and conditions relating to the provision of digital terrestrial television multiplex services together with a draft licence, and supplementary documents including Guidance Notes for applicants for digital programme and digital additional services licences, is available from the Secretary to the Independent Television Commission, 33 Foley Street, London, W1P

Applications addressed to the Secretary to the Commission giving information in the form specified in the Invitation to Apply document, together with the application fee of £100,000, should reach the ITC not later than noon on





Magnate 'sexually harassed' writer of biography

FREDDY HEINEKEN has been accused of threatening and sexually intimidating a journalist whose unanthorised biography on the Dutch beer magnate paints him as a divided personality, part phi-landerer and brute and part orilliant businessman.

Barbara Smit, 28, said yes terday that the 72-year-old about putting sleeping pills in her ten and then undressing her and made "extremely denigrating comments" about her appearance. Ms Smit claimed Mr Heineken tried to stop the book and asked Pierre Vinken, the Dutch pub-lishing baron, to buy up the small company publishing it. "Heineken told me that if I

put one comme in the wrone place he'd haul me up before the courts," Ms Smit added.
The book, Heineken — A

Life in the Brewery, portrays the tycoon as being full of "despotic self-confidence", shocking colleagues with his loutish and arrogant behav iour, while stunning them with his commercial nous which propelled Freincken from a legal beer into one of

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man for Wir Heineken, denied ened and intimidated the author. Mr. Woltjens said that if Ms Smittelt as though she had been sugarcized or in-timidated, it was certainly based on a misanderstand ing. The attempt to buy up "nonsense — a joke that had grown out of all proportion".

Although Mr Heineken refused to co-operate with the biographic he agreed to meet the author at least five times. Sources dose to Mr Heineken said he was not upset by the book's references to his womanising live of fast cars and private sets, but he was emaged by the story of the decline of his father. Henry Pierre Heineken, into drunk enness and disrepute.

Socialists say spy stories are part of Right's dirty tricks campaign

MI6 gave Paris list of 300 suspected Cold War 'moles'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

service a list of some 300 French diplomats and foreign service officials suspected of being Communist spies dur-ing the Cold War, according to a French news report pub-

The file containing the names of alleged traitors with-in the French foreign service was handed over by Britain in 1993 when Alain Juppe, the French Prime Minister, was Foreign Minister under the Gaullist Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, Le Monde

The British list of French "moles" said to have worked for East European countries was based on the flood of intelligence information to the West after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Many of those named in the secret list are now either long retired or dead, an expert in security affairs at the newspaper said, adding that the source of the report was "completely reliable".

The allegation that hundreds of French foreign service officials may have been recruited as Communist agents emerged amid a furore over a report claiming that the late Charles Hernu, French For-

and 1985, spied for the KGB as well as the Bulgarian and time when the Gaullist Gov-Romanian secret services in ernment is reeling from a the 1950s and 1960s. series of corruption scandals.

Government MPs called for "I am convinced this infora full investigation into the mation did not come from the East but from France, and the sition Socialists suggested the question to be asked is if this charges against Hermu in yesterday's l'Express maga-zine might be part of ruse to leak got the green light from the Government or not." M Boucheron said. blacken the former Socialist L'Express said the secret files administration. The Governdid not explain whether ment has refused to comment Hernu had continued to work on the allegations. Jacques

as a spy after becoming De-Fournet, the former head of fence Minister, but French French counter-intelligence espionage experts said that his confirmed yesterday that the was probably only one of many similar cases. Bulgarian secret services had told France of Hernu's spying "For Socialist countries in activities four years ago.
A close friend and political ally of François Mitterrand. the 1950s, France was consid-

ered the weak link in the West,"Thierry Wolton, author the former President, Hernu of The KGB in France, said, adding that it was entirely died of a heart attack in 1990, possible that Herny had sevfive years after he resigned from the Defence Ministry. ered all contact with his Communist "minders" after 1963. M Fournet said that the Bulgarian report detailing Hernu's activities could not be fully verified but had been

France's most demaging spy scandal since Georges Paques the Nato press thief, was arrested in 1963 on charges of providing information to the Soviet Union. Pâques was sentenced to life imprisonment for treason but released



Charles Hernu, right, with his friend and political ally, François Mitterrand

Adenauer record broken by Kohl

HELMUT KOHL, pattered by criticism of his poor economic management, today becomes the longest-serving German Chancellor this

His disdain for the record and his vulnerability, was underlined by his absence abroad yesterday during an emergency debate about the German budget; five Christian Democratic Union deputies in his entourage had to break off their Far East trip and hurry back to Bonn to secure the Government's narrow majority in parliament.

When I start to worry ibout my place in history, I nead for the refrigerator," told a French paper. But his concern for his status may be greater than he pretends. The record which falls today is that of Konrad Adenauer: 5,144 days in office. If he survives the bumpy path to European monetary union, wins the 1998 election and stays fit, he could in 2001 topple the 19-year tenure of Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor.

The three men are already being talked about in the same breath by the German press. Bismarck unified Germany, Adenauer anchored West Germany in the Western alliance and laid the foundations of a democratic German state. East and West German states and is the main driving force

Heirlooms rescued from Vienna sale

TWO seascapes and a porcehin dish were suddenly withdrawn yesterday from Christie's record-breaking auction of Jewish-owned art work after an elderly former

sale catalogue. The last-minute claim from the woman, who now lives in Israel cast a small shadow on the auction - which on the first day reased £7.5 million on behalf of Jewish charities - as it again prompted the question of how thoroughly the Austrian authorities have been

searching for owners.

The board of paintings, sculptures and antiques was taken from the Austrian Jewish community by the Nazis, sometimes confiscated after the Jews were arrested, sometimes in part payment for an

After the war, the treasure trove was stored in the Mauerbach monastery out-

side Vienna. Pieces were lent to Austrian museums while the authorities set about halfheartedly searching for the

handed to Mitterrand, who

classified the report as a "state

secret since the dead man

Jean-Michel Boucheron, a

Socialist MP, suggested the

could not defend himself.

Only after considerable list of the stored artwork published, and then only in a small-circulation Austrian newspaper. A few hundred works were assumed to switch are but the Austrian description of the board property on sale as "ownerless" never seemed appropriate.

Holocaust survivors were among the bidders during the two-day sale which was due to end late last night. Some, such as Fran Laufer, travelled from New York to enter the bidding was In the Shtetl by the 19thcentury artist Ludwig Knaus. one of the few paintings with an explicitly lewish theme. Other Jews, too poor to enter the fray, watched in silence, clutching their catalogues.

'Carlos'

tries to

halt book

By BEN MACINTYRE

terrorist, "Carlos the Jackal",

is seeking to ban a new book

which he daims is an inva-

sion of his personal privacy and an infringement of his

Hich Ramirez Sinches, 47,

alias "Carlos", asked a Paris

court on Tuesday to seize all

copies of Carlos - The Secret

Networks of International Terrorism by the French

journalist Bernard Violet on

the ground that it jeopardises his right to be presumed innocent and breaches

The Venezuelan-born self-

styled revolutionary is ac-

cused of killing at least 83

people in a series of terrorist

Middle East. He was captured in Sudan in 1994.

His lawyer said he had

"revelation of facts about his private life", including details

concerning his schooldays

him "the little fat one", an

affair with a Cuban student identified as "Sonia", and a

testicle operation he had in

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War draws closer as Rwanda troops move into Zaire

FROM SAM KILEY IN KIGALI

RWANDA is on the verge of war with Zaire after it sent commandos across the Ruzizi River into Bukavu.

The Government said that it was close to ordering a larger retaliation against an alliance of Rwanda's former armed forces, Hutu extremist militia,

and Zaire's army.
Major-General Paul Kagame, the Rwandan Vice-President and Minister of Defence, who lead Tutsi rebels to victory against the Hutu supremacist regime in 1994, sent the troops into Zaire after the Rwandan border town of Cyangugu was shelled.

"If some one slaps me in the face I may not hit back in the face. But somewhere else will be hit There's no question about it." General Kagame said. In statements which brought Rwanda to the brink of war with its neighbour, he described Hutu refugee camps inside Zaire as "barracks" where people who had exported the ideology of genocide were trying to "cleanse" the region of Tutsis to have a base for attacks against Rwanda.

"They have had the freedom to train, arm themselves and kill. If they consistently kill people I can't see why they should not be killed themselves," the former guerrilla lcader said.

Several thousand ethnic Tutsis, whose forbears have lived in Zaire for centuries, were murdered earlier this year near Goma in North Kivu province by Zairean soldiers and Rwandan Hutu refugee militiamen. Last month, Tutsis living in South Kivu were ordered to leave by Zaire's local authorities who threatened to hunt them down

described as plans to continue the genocide of Tutsis which began in Rwanda with the slaughter of a million in 1994, General Kagame said the time



and South Kivu have created a in eastern Zaire affecting more than a million Hutu refugees. About 400,000 are now concentrated in Mugunga camp, near Goma, which has been the main base for the defeated

outskirts.

Hutu army in exile. ☐ Kinshasa: Mgr Christophe Munzihirwa, Jesuit Archbishop of Bukavu, was killed after the town on Tuesday night, a Zairean church official said yesterday. (AFP)

was close when he would

order an invasion of Zaire to

The Rwandan commandos

who infiltrated Bukavu were

ordered to drive Zairean sol-

diers and their Hutu allies

from the border area, from where they launched mortar attacks on Rwandan army

positions and civilian areas.

Their involvement in Bukavu

is likely to bring South Kivu's provincial capital closer to

collapse, with Tutsi rebels

moving in from the south

sending their enemies scut-

tling into shanties on the city's

Rebel uprisings in North

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an attack on

Scarred UN picks envoy amid fears of 'a second Congo'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE ethnic conflict in Central Africa has diplomats and officials at United Nations headquarters giving dark warnings of a "Congo II". Experts on the Great Lakes area fear the fighting in eastern Zaire could fuel separatist violence in other provinces and lead to the country's

Yesterday the UN named Raymond Chrétien, the Canadian Ambassador in Washington, to head a one-month mission to secure a Zaire

ceasefire and set up a regional peace conference. The Canadian Prime Minister's nephew, he served in 1978-81 as Ottawa's envoy to Zaire, Burundi and Rwanda.

The eastern Zaire fighting is a knock-on from the Tutsi-Hutu conflict that led to genocide in Rwanda in 1994 and this year's Burundi coup.

The Tutsi people, cattleherders who migrated south along the Rift Valley four centuries ago, make up a minority of about 15 per cent of the population in both Rwanda and Burundi but dominate the Hutu majority.

centuries in the North Kivu region of Zaire and in the Mulenge mountains in neighbouring South Kivu. It is feared that the conflict

will spread to the mineral-rich Shaba province, formerly Katried to secede from the Congo on independence from Belglum in the early 1960s. Then scores of UN peacekeepers were killed, leaving deep scars on the organisation. "It will be just like the Congo crisis, except the UN won't be there," one UN

official said yesterday.



The image of a mythical being, loosely based on a scahorse, first appeared in rock paintings 6,000 years ago

Rainbow Serpent of Aborigines 'is the oldest religious symbol'

By Nigel Hawkes

AUSTRALIAN Aborigines have the longest-established religious beliefs in the world, according to a new analysis
of rock paintings by

An image of a mythical being called the Rainbow Serpent, loosely based on the seahorse family, first ap-peared in such paintings 6,000 years ago, they claim. Today. Aborigines regard it as a symbol of unity, creation and destruction, and the core of a spiritual system that telis of the creation of the world out of chaos.

Drs Paul Tacon, of the Australian Museum in Sydney, Christopher Chippin-dale, of Cambridge Univer-sity, and Meredith Wilson, of the Australian National University in Canberra, argue that it was a religious icon from the beginning, making it the oldest religious symbol. Writing in Archaeology in Oceania, they base their con-

sis of 107 Rainbow Serpent paintings scattered across Australia, but commonest in Arnhem Land in the northwest of the country. They believe that the first images

They show a snake-like body, curved horse-like head, a spiked tail, and appendages.



A rock painting of the Rainbow Serpent in Arnhem Land, northwest Australia. Alongside is a 10cm scale

Over the millennia some changes have taken place, including an increase in size. but the key characteristics

If the scrpent has indeed been a religious symbol for all this time, "it is much older than the major components of religious and spiritnal belief systems found else-where in the world", Dr

Tacqu told New Scientist Dr Chippindale said tha in the past experts had to guess what each image meant to the people who created it.
"What is unusual here is that there is a continuity of rock art right up to the present time in Arnhem Land. Therefore, one can have insights . .

The first images may have been made by Aborigines living inland at the end of the last giaciation, when the sea rose as the ice melted. The effect would have been to create new coastlines inland on which the seahorse woold have been washed up.,

Apartheid assassin jailed for 212 years

FROM INIGO GILMORE

EUGENE DE KOCK, the former police colonel who described himself as apartheid's most effective assassin. was yesterday sentenced to 212 years' imprisonment, including two life sentences, after a 21-month trial that has gripped South Africa with its exposure of shocking details of the "secret war" against the former white regime's

opponents.
As Judge Willem van der Merwe passed sentence on 89 counts, gasps and mocking laughter rippled through the packed gallery. Speaking sombrely in Afrikaans, the white judge slowly read out the sentences of two life terms for murder and conspiracy to murder, five 20-year terms on five murder counts and between two and 20 years on each of the 83 lesser counts. He is the highest-ranking officer to be convicted for crimes committed in the apart-

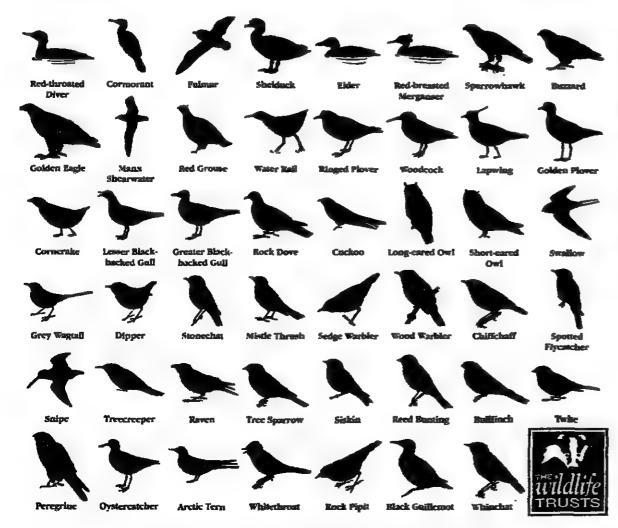
heid era. De Kock's defence had argued in mitigation that he had been following orders that came from the highest level. During his testimony de Kock implicated F.W. de Klerk and P.W. Botha, the former Presi-dents, in "dirty tricks" operations. However, his lawyers said he was unlikely to appeal.

The sentence was welcomed in an official ANC statement and by human rights lawyers. The ruling may go some way to restoring faith in the judicial system after an outcry over the acquittal of General Magnus Malan, the former Defence Minister, on murder



De Kock: lawyers say he is unlikely to appeal

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*Taleban bombers aim to destroy Masood morale

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN THE PANISHIR VALLEY

TALEBAN planes dropped cluster bombs deep in the Panjshir Valley stronghold of Ahmed Shah Masood, the claimed yesterday.

Although audacious, the

raid was little more than symbolic It was well out of the reach of General Masood's anti-aircraft batteries, which north of the city, more and have been ferried by helicopter to the valley's highest peaks, and there was just one

It has, nonetheless, servedas something of a propaganda coup for the Taleban zealots. who have been broadcasting "We are going to push you back to the Panjshir" over General Masood's radio frequencies in an attempt to damage his fighters' morale:

Apart from sporadic fire from tanks, artillery and rocket launchers, the fighting on

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an Aighan version of a phoney war. Taleban warplanes, however, continued to bomb the towns of Charikar and Jabal commander of the forces be-sieging northern Kabul, it was claimed yesterday.

os-Siraj, provoking a cascade of anti-aircraft fire from all over the Hindu Kush. But, in reality, the front lines have

> As a huge red dust cloud welled over the plain to the more fighters with General Masood and his northern ally, General Abdul Rashid Dostum, were being moved into position for a renewed assault : Safi Mountains.

> After exaggerated claims over Sunday's assault, elements in General Masood's camp now acknowledge that their advance has been sty-mied by stiff Taleban resistance. Whatever people in Kabul think of Taleban, its fighting ability should not be.

ments throughout history. Taleban believes it is in possession of the truth. Moreover, the young men see themselves Such unshakeable conviction has turned them into fanatical

Having been stopped in their attempt to take control of the capital, the Masood-Dostum alliance appears in no hurry to repeat earlier mis-takes. "Time", one senior Masood aide said, "is on our

Preparations are clearly on Taleban strongholds in the ... under way for a far greater aerial bombardment than that Last night, 20 flatbed lorries were moving in convoy to Bagram air base to collect large quantities of bombs for the Dostum air force.

"We make a deal," Masood spokesman said. "We have bombs but no planes. underestimated. In common Dostum has planes but no with other messianic move bombs." Activity could be



A soldier of the anti-Taleban alliance carries tank ammunition along a path after the road through the Panjshir Valley was blown up

to the Panishir Valley. It was Taleban pushed north last month, and has still not been

river. Substantial quantities of being trucked to the Panjshir from General Masood's arms dumps in the north, carried

hand, and then transported to the front lines.

During our five-hour journey up the Panjshir, we also visited the prison where Genplayed a leading role in financing, organising and leading the Taleban uprising.

One prisoner, who identified himself only as Khalid, 22, said that many Taleban guerfour months' military training in Pakistan before returning to Kandahar in southern Afghanistan. The Pakistan Government has helped to train fighters for the Afghani-

Crackdown on women's rights leaves aid agencies split on Kabul pullout

AID agencies in Afghanistan quit or stay. Their dilemma sive Taleban theocracy? Does it absolve Taleban of respon-sibility for its calculated impoverishment of women?

Oxfam has suspended its Kabul operations until women are allowed to work. putting it in the lead of the protest movement. Us stand is criticised by other aid agen-cles that believe in accommodating the Taleban regime in the hope that it will become

There are signs, however,

until our Afghan women employees are allowed to return to work. There has been too much accommodation too quickly, with the Taleban authorities. We are shocked that aid organisations have acquiesced like this."

After three days of discus-

grammes will stay suspended softly approach in a policy paper that many now regard as too timorous. It was handed to Taleban in the hope that the issues raised would be tackled within a fortnight; it The paper said aid groups

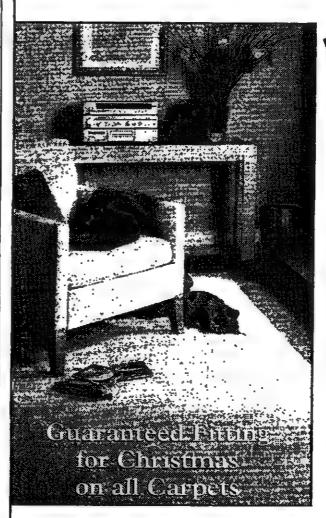
sion last month, aid groups in "respectfully request that the Kabul enshrined their softly- authorities in Kabul act with all possible urgency" on the issue of female rights. At-tempts to revise and toughen this wording failed in a meeting of aid workers this week. Some argued that aid organisations should not become involved in politics.

"Most aid organisations are going soft on the women's issue," Ross Everson, of ACBAR, the Kabul-based coordinating body for foreign aid agencies, said. "I have been trying to persuade them to put some backbone into this issue ... The present

function. The civil service. hospitals and schools depend-

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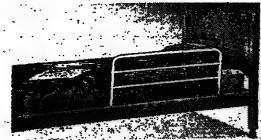
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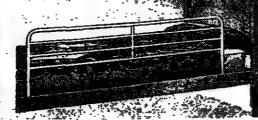
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Shin Bet demands curbs on militant Jewish settlers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN HEBRON

ISRAEL'S Shin Bet security service yesterday demanded restraining orders on dozens of right-wing Jewish militants as fears grew that Hebron could provide the spark to ignite a new Middle East war. Earlier, the head of the

Likud parliamentary faction of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, gave a warning of a "holocaust" unless the Government acted against Jewish hardliners in the city who still openly identify with Baruch Goldstein, the Brooklyn-born Jew who massacred 29 Hebron Arabs in 1994.

A few hours spent walking in Hebron's hate-filled streets are enough to convince an outsider that the fears are well-founded. Apocalyptic predictions seem to be the only thing on which the city's Arabs

and Jews agree.
If the Israelis pull out, the

DIVIDED HEBRON

Jewish settlers will soon be using their guns," said a diplomat who toured with me. And if the Israelis stay put. Palestinians here and in the rest of the West Bank and Although 20.000 right-wing

Jews gathered in Jerusalem on Tuesday in an attempt to persuade Mr Netanyahu to renege on the commitment given by the previous Labour Government to hand 85 per cent of Hebron to PLO control, few of the 450 Jews living in its centre. cheek-by-jowl with 120,000 hostile Palestinians. believe he will.

Nadia Matar, leader of the right-wing Women in Green, highlighted the angst that negotiating a pull-out has posed for Mr Netanyahu; his own brother-in-law this week moved to join the Jews here in a powerful gesture of solidari-

ISRAEL

Area scheduled to be

Area scheduled to

remain under Israeli control; 400-500 Jews. 15-20,000 Palestinians

ther 5,000 live in Kiryat Arba. fortress-style settlement on the outskirts that is less vulnerable to attack. Noam Arnon, leader of the new settlers' militia busy stockpiling arms in preparation for the expected Israeli pullback, explained his fears. Once the PLO terrorists are in control of those buildings." he said, pointing to flat-roofed Arab houses hugging the hillside opposite his settlement of

ty. "He who forsakes Hebron

also 4,000 years of Jewish history. Ms Matar quoted the

Prime Minister as pledging. "These words you said at

Passover last year. We chose

you because you intentions were desirable -- but now the

A noted hotbed of Islamic

fundamentalism as well as

Jewish extremism. Hebron -

the last of the seven West Bank

nowns still occupied by Israeli

troops - has long been a

flashpoint between Arabs and

Jews because of the Cave of

Machpelah, or Tomb of the

Apart from the militancy of

activists on both sides of the

ethnic divide, it is the presence

of Jewish settlers in the heart

of the city that has made Hebron a thorn from the start

of peace negotiations. A fur-

testing time comes."

Patriarchs.

rsakes not only the security of the residents of Hebron but

into our windows?" inside Beit Hadassah. also home to a museum in memory

Beit Hadassah. "What is to

stop them firing RPGs [rocket-

propelled grenades) straight



An Israeli soldier searches detained Palestinians in Hebron, a focus of Jewish-Arab tensions, for weapons

of the 67 Jews slaughtered by Arabs in the 1929 massacre that forced Jews temporarily to abandon the city, the mood is oppressive. Even with Israeli parapoops guarding the building from roof tops and sand-bagged emplacements, hatred of the Arabs is tangible.

Why, an Italian journalist asked Mr Arnon, did he not put the safety of his wife and seven children uppermost and agree to move to Kirvat Arba as demanded by the PLO?

"This, as Netanyahu has reminded us, is the oldest Jewish community in the world. We could not live knowing the last pages of its history recorded Jews abandoning the city." he

City of bloodshed and piety

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

HEBRON has long been characterised by a mix of boliness and violence. One of the four holy cities of Judaism because of its links to the biblical patriarchs and King David, it is also holy to Islam. which reveres Abraham as a precursor of Muhammad.

Some key dates are: 🗆 1800 BC: Abraham, Isaac Jacob buried in Cave of Makhpelah — Tomb of the Patriarchs.

☐ 586 BC: Most Jews exiled after destruction of First

☐ 1968: Group of Jewish set-Temple. Edomites take over.

□ 400-500 AD: Byzantine tiers posing as Swiss tourists move into Park Hotel. church built over the Cave. ☐ 635-1000: Arabs conquer and rule the city, Makhpelah church turned into mosque. ☐ 1266: Decree, enforced through to the 20th century, bars Jews from the Cave. 1918: British capture Hebron from Turks; Jewish

☐ August 24, 1929: 67 Jews slaughtered by Arabs; rest of the community evacuated.

Moved by authorities to Civil Administration compound which becomes Kiryat Arba. ☐ 1979: Group of Kiryat Arba women barricade themselves Beit Hadassah, abandoned Jewish clinic in downtown Hebrou. □ 1994: Baruch Goldstein, a

presence recovers to 700 by Kiryat Araba resident, massacres 29 Muslims at prayer.

March 1996: Original scheduled date for Israeli army handover of 85 per cent

Britain pledges more aid to Palestinians

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic editor

BRITAIN promised a further £1.3 million in aid to the Palestinians yesterday, four days before Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, arrives in Israel to urge both sides to redouble their efforts to reach

The aid is to help to meet the Palestinian budgetary deficit which has worsened because of recent Israeli border closures. Britain and the European Union are the main providers of funds to the Palestinian Authority, and are increasingly concerned about the situation there and in the

occupied territories. The timing of the announce ment will not be particularly welcome in Israel, which is suspicious of European sup-

port for Yassir Arafat. It follows an outspoken attack by Baroness Chalker of Waliament Minister, on Israel for its harassment of the United Nations Refugee Welfare Association (UNRWA), the agency which provides food and education for Palestinian

Chalker demanded that Israel should urgently case the passage of aid perset nel, food, medical supplies and development assistance in the occupied territories.

Mr · Rifkind will · meet Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, on Sunday before travelling to Gaza to see a British aid project and have talks with Mr Arafat.

STEVENIE S French to sign Royal Navy pact

BRITAIN and France are to sign a military agreement that will draw their navies closer together in future operations (Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, writes).

The political framework to be signed next month by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, and Charles Millon, his French counterpart, could lead to the Royal Navy and the French Navy sharing patrol responsibilities in conflict or peacekeeping missions. However, the "Letter of Intent", which is to be signed in Bordeaux on November 8, will not include nuclear

Japan backs end to ivory ban

Tokyo: Environmental groups have attacked Japan, the world's biggest consumer of ivory, for supporting African nations' demand for an end to the international ivory trude ban (Robert Whymant writes). Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, made the promise to President Nujoma, the visiting Namibian leader, who said that African elephants could no longer be regarded as endangered.

Swiss join up

Zurich: Traditionally neutral Switzerland has announced that it would join Nato's Partnership for Peace programme in an attempt to promote security in post-Cold War Europe. (Reuter)

Pope for Cuba

Formal agreement has been reached for the Pope to make a first visit to Cuba, ending a six-year stalemate. No date has been set, but he may meet President Castro in Rome next month at a UN food summit.

Abortion boost

Cape Town: The South African National Assembly approved a Bill allowing state-funded abortion on demand. The Bill will go the Senate next week, where it is certain to be passed. (Reuter)

Eyes 'stolen'

Cairo: The mortuary director of a public hospital in the Egyptian capital has been arrested for removing eyes from corpses and selling them for transplants, al-Akhbar newspaper reported. (AFP)

Wheel manners

New York: Two gunmen held up the Tavern on the Green, a noted restaurant, taking \$200. When they left, the polite doorman said goodnight and hailed them a taxi. They robbed the taxi driver too. (AP)



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Fight for Congress turns main contest into a sideshow

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WITH six days left, the race for the White House may be petering out but the battle for Congress is becoming one of the tightest ever.

The number of Senate con-

The number of Senate contests that are too close to call is increasing while either party could control the House of Representatives. Four political analysts consulted by The Wall Street Journal said there was a 20 to 40 per cent chance of the Republicans losing the Senate, and a 25 to 50 per cent chance of them losing the House. One, Charles Cook, said he had "never seen a wider or more diverse range of possible outcomes".

Of the 34 Senate seats being contested, 19 are held by the Republicans and 15 by the Democrats who need a net gain of three to take control. Latest polls show their candidates moving ahead of Larry Pressler, the Republican senator, in South Dakota and closing towithin two points in Colorado where a Republican is retiring from the Senate. The races for Republican-held seats in New Hampshire. Oregon and Maine could go either way and the Democrats have an outside chance of winning Bob Dole's old Kansas seat or Jesse Helms's in

North Carolina.

The Democratic candidate is rebounding in Alabama, a seat the party had resigned themselves to losing. But Republican candidates are catching up in the Democrat-held states of Montana, Nebraska and Georgia, and remain

virtually neck-and-neck in Arkansas and New Jersey. In Massachusetts, John Kerry, the Democratic incumbent, has a narrow lead over William Weld, the Republican

Both parties are now pouring resources into the congressional races having concluded that the presidential contest is all but over. Republican officials are begging the television networks not to declare the presidential result too early on Tuesday night lest West Coast



Republicans decide to stay at home and hurt their congressional candidates.

Four years ago Mr Clinton had talked himself hoarse by this stage and was campaigning almost round the clock. This year, he and Mr Dole spent Tuesday night not in some battleground state but in Washington. Mr Dole actually rushed through his final engagement in California, the state on which he is supposedly banking for victory, in order to get home before the capital's National airport closed at

10.20pm because the alternative, Dulles, is 30 miles from his Watergate apartment.

The presidential election is frequently relegated to second or third item on the evening news and the lack of excitement was summed up by The Washington Post's tepid endorsement of Mr Clinton yesterday. "The choice for president this year is pretty bleak. Frequently the strongest single argument for either candidate is that he's not the other. In the end, we lean towards Mr Clinton," the newspaper said.

Today or tomorrow Mr Clinton will seek to bridge the only obvious pitfall on his road to re-election by giving a speech calling for campaign finance reform. Over the past three weeks he has been battered by claims that his party solicited huge illegal contributions from Indonesia. South Korea and Taiwan in return for political favours.

But for the most part his speeches are bland and safe and he refuses to respond to Mr Dole's "serial flailing", as the White House has dubbed his increasingly strident attacks. On Tuesday the President gave a rare glimpse of his confidence when some Republicans in Ohio heckled his speech. "I bet they won't be doing that a week from today," he declared.

One Clinton adviser quoted in The New York Times compared the election to a dinner party that had gone on an hour too long.



Air mail: a selection of the US Postal Service stamps released this week featuring classic American aircraft

Right's 'Top Gun' goes into a spin

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN GARDEN GROVE, ORANGE COUNTY

WHETHER or not Bob "Bl" Dornan goes down in flames on election day, he will risk more than his political hide soon afterwards. The only congressman to boast of having flown every warplane in Nato's arsenal has accepted an invitation to perform aerobatics over Texas in an old British Hawker Hunter jet.

The objective is to put in some cockpit practice while boosting the sagging spirits of "Top Gun" pilots at a time of defence cutbacks: "It's terrific for the morale of aircrews to see a middle-aged congressman go up and put his life on the line." Mr Dornan, 63, told The Times in an interview that could have taken place at the height of the Cold War.

Over the roar of nearby freeways, this

former test pilot and firebrand of the hard Right introduced the beleaguered Bob Dole on Monday to a thin crowd gathered outside the home of an ice-hockey team called the Mighty Ducks. It was hard to know who risked more: Mr Dole, appearing at an unfortunately named site with a figure whom pollsters say strikes fear into the hearts of crucial "soccer mom" voters; Mr Dornan, backing Mr Dole even as other Republicans desert him; or Bo Derek, the actress and occasional lingerie model who joined both men on the podium.

"She leaned up against me up there," Mr Dornan, a ferocious advocate of Roman Catholic family values, confided, "It was like a fantasy come true." He exudes a blustery charm, but eight months after a doomed run for the Republican presidential nomination, Mr Dornan is fighting for his political life in the traditionally conservative heart of Orange County. After nine terms in Congress, the man who likes to be thought of as President Clinton's harshest critic is running neck-and-neck with a 36-year-old Hispanic woman.

His Garden Growe district is a place of no-frills shopping malls and a glass cathedral from where one of America's richest televangelists broadcasts The Hour of Power. Its 49 per cent Latino population has not warmed to Mr Dornan's frequent tirades against illegal immigration.

Golf no handicap for top earners

By GILES WHITTELL

KNOCKING a little white ball about has surpassed both Hollywood and Las Vegas in earning potential, according to an unofficial audit of the very rich. The survey, by People magazine, indicates that nobody outside the world's main financial markets has ever earned so much and so fast as Tiger Woods, the young golfer who turned professional this month.

professional this month.

Even Tom Cruise, who will make \$00 million (£30.5 million) as star and producer of Mission Impossible, cannot match the speed with which the 20-year-old Woods earned a similar sum in endorsement money the instant he stopped being a mere Stanford University student. Cruise's earnings from the hit film will earn \$54,807 a week in interest. Woods has topped that with \$734,794 in prize money since October 20.

Michael Jordan, the basketball player, for years America's best-paid sportsman, is a slouch next to golf's new wunderkind. He received just \$40 million in endorsements for the whole year, though his \$25 million playing fee adds nearly \$7,000 for every minute he spends on court.

Television remains a worthwhile profession for performers. Oprah Winfrey will take home \$97 million this year. Men still earn more than women in the movies, but they are trounced on the catwalk. The nation's top male model is paid \$550,000 a year while Cindy Crawford makes up to \$9 million annually.

Comparisons are invidious. but revealing. David Hasselhof, star of Baywatch, banks \$100,000 for each episode. A real Sunta Monica lifeguard earns \$40,000 a year.

Dole finds traditional vote is drying up in Arizona

FROM TOM RHODES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

MARION MURRAY, 56, has voted Republican all her life but today she will join the opposition as a key organiser for President Clinton's final rally in the unlikely battle-ground of the Arizona desert.

ground of the Arizona desert.

When America goes to the polls on Tuesday, Ms Murray may provide the most telling example of why he could become the first Democrat since 1948 to secure this traditionally conservative state.

She is disenchanted by the

She is disenchanted by the Republican revolution of Newt Gingrich, the increasing power of the religious Right, extensive corruption in Arizona's state government and Bob Dole's inability to confront the important issues of education and healthcare.

Two weeks ago, Ms Murray became the co-ordinator of a new grassroots alliance in Arizona: Republican Women for Clinton-Gore. Hundreds of women have apparently flocked to the cause.

Women like Ms Murray form the largest swing vote here this year and offer Mr Clinton a chance to break the longest losing streak in US

political history. A Democratic campaign headquarters in Phoenix would normally be a ghost town by late October. Yesterday, dozens of volunteers scurried in preparation for the presidential visit to Arizona State University this

Doug Wilson, who is state director of the Clinton campaign, said changing demographics in Arizona, victory in the Republican primary for Steve Forbes, the multimillionaire publisher, and Mr



Dole suffering a dearth of support in the desert

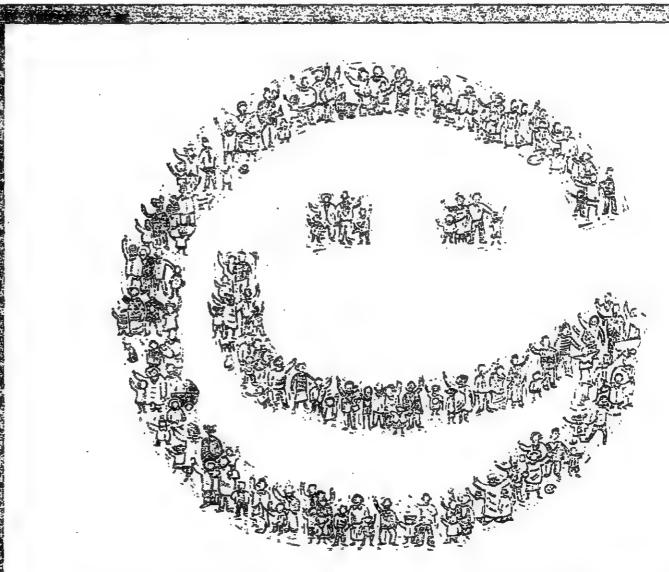
Dole's inability, at 73, to tempt many in the burgeoning retirement could prove the key to the Demo-

The desert republic is one of the fastest growing states. The traditional model of Sun Belt Republicanism that had attracted conservative migrants since the 1950s now lures families from California and the North-East who are increasingly unattached to either political party.

Although Arizona represents only eight electoral college votes. Republicans are determined Mr Clinton should not shatter its importance as a conservative stronghold.

Mr Dole returns to Phoenix on Monday in an eleventh-hour attempt to ensure victory. His party is spending £446,000 on mail ballots and get-out-the-vote phone banks. Yet closest aides are not entirely confident.

"There's a lot wrong with the picture," said Mike Hellon, a state committee member."I think Dole is going to win, but it shouldn't be this hard."



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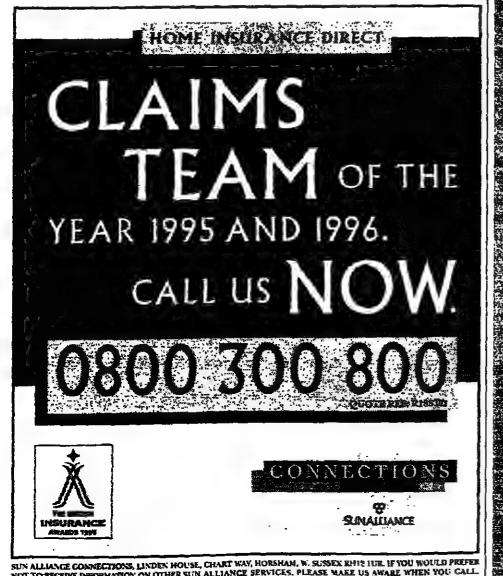
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Editor who suffered for her art

OR THE past 11 years, the woman with the worst job in the civilised world has been a soft-spoken, bespecta-cled book editor called Jane Turner. To her, during all these years, has fallen the task of editing the 34-volume, 15,000-image, 30,000-page, 41,000-article, 720,000-entry, 28 million word Macmillan Dictionary of Art.

It is, arguably, the most exhausting, exhaustive publishing feat of the age. That may explain why Mrs Turner, just now, is feeling zonked. Amid all those statistics, however, such as the fact that the dictionary was delivered four years and a million words after deadline, that Mrs Turner had 150 people work-ing for her, at the zenith, that it has cost zillions, that she herself spent the past two years on the other side of the world from her husband, father of their infant son, or that she worked seven days a week, usually 18 hours a day, proofreading 450 pages a day and double checking from last Christmas until March amid all that, surely the most daunting fact is that Mrs Turner dealt with no fewer than 6,700 art historians.

On the measure of personal irritability art historians register the highest of scores. The stroppiest Bond Street moll, compared to the art historian. becomes a toothless pekinese. Over lunch in Manhattan,

Jane Turner did look a little pale. Her hand shook, one could not help noticing, and her American voice, its cadences prettily peppered by Anglicisms after a decade of London life, quavered.

The academics helped to

write the dictionary but there were plenty who complicated her task. One, from Romania, called to say that, with regret, his copy would be "er, late" because his life's work had moments earlier been shot to ribbons in revolutionary Bucharest. Mrs Turner was on the verge of a sardonic "yeah, sure!" when she realised that. the poor wretch was telling the

nother art historian. who was commis-(illustrated) section on erotic art, really did lose his manuscript from the back of his car. The art world is one of intense rivairies. Artists, pe-trons, and collectors lobbled Mrs Turner, sometimes in person, to be included in the

When, at a meeting of contributors, Mrs Turner happily announced that the generally respected Richard Wollheim had written a particular entry, a voice from the back of the hall shricked: "Good God! If I had known that terrible fellow was contributing to the book, I would never have agreed to help." And with that the complainant, a senior member of England's art hist-

As the woman in charge of editing the new 34-volume Macmillan Dictionary of Art, Jane Turner had, arguably the worst job in the world. Interview by Quentin Letts.



The 34-volume, 41,000-article, 720,000-entry, 30,000-page Macmillan Dictionary of Art, arguably, the most exhausting, exhaustive publishing feat of the age, and its editor, Jane Turner

ory world, flounced out of the room. Academics are bad at deadlines, and it reached the stage that Ian beginning. Mr Jacobs, not a Jacobs, publisher of Macmilman given to overstatement, lan, took personal control of chasing 3,500 "delinquent" contributors. One emmen scholar, on hearing him at the door of his faculty; hid in the ladies lavatory Jacobs was later lunching at Covent Garden when he saw the tardy contributor walking by Nap-ton still in collar, he rose from his table and chased him

down the street. It was in the early 1980s, at a dinner celebrating Macmillan's updated Grove Dictio-nary of Music, that the art-dictionary was born. After a goodish evening Harold Macmillan, later the Earl of Stockton, murmured to Nicholas Byam Shaw, his senior publishing executive, who comes from an artistic family: "Well, dear boy. What shall we do next?" Byam Shaw sucked on his teeth and said: "What about a dictionary of art?" Macmillan, airily: "Splendid

Or at least that was the man given to overstatement, calls the dictionary "the most tremendous bloody slog, a

ing complexity.
What Mrs Turner brought to the show was a level of logistical skill worthy of Operation Desert Storm, She dragooned the staff into cadres of oiled efficiency, building on the mitial work the visionary Hugh Brigstocke. The first step

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was to identify experts in the countless fields of expertise, itself no easy task. The crustiest old sweats from Cambridge, Harvard, Oxford, the Sorbonne, the Hermitage, the Prado and numerous other international institutions had to be charmed and cajoled. The top art scholars from

Tonga to Trinidad, Curacao to

idea. Capitali Carry on." And ... Croydon, had to be identified

A senior art historian flounced out of the room

and hired. All had to be made to feel special. Worse, their scrawls, egg-spattered manu-scripts, and often foreign meanderings had to be deciphered and subjected to strict

Then there was the business of allocating page quotas. for individual entries, a necessarily cride affair which would later be finetuned. Mrs Turner, previously an his torian of the Ashmolean Muse-um in Oxford, also had to create a system of "rolling editing" so that no department

in her six-floor flefdom off the Strand was idle. It is the nature of the art world never to be satisfied, and some American critics have already claimed to have Identified a British bias. Mrs

Turner is American, so this

seems unlikely (her husband,

the British art expert Nicholas Turner, works for the Getty Museum in California). At early public lectures in the US, feminists have whinged about the imbalance of male artists over female: "It was not my fault that in previous cent few women were allowed to

paint," retorted Mrs Turner. There will also be squabbles about the inclusion or exclusion of living artists. Damien Hirst does not make the cut. but a German artist called Hermann Nitsch who experimented with animal carcasses in the Sixties, does,

Another trendy name excluded, hurray, is the awardwinning sculptress Rachael Whiteread. Mrs Turner gives the distinct impression of being unimpressed by inside-

iving patrons of importance are included ithe Saatchis scrape in) but there is only one breathing art historian in the entire work: Sir Ernst Gombrich. That, simply, is because he changed the face of

art criticism this century," says Mrs Turner. Among book reviewers, meanwhile, competition is strong for the rationed 12 copies of the complete work - 12 for the whole world, that is

copies. When, after a career span, bound volumes of the dictionary arrived at the Macmillan headquarters in London, Mr. Jacobs found his knee went into an uncontrollable wobble. Mrs Turner just stopped and gawped at what she had

helped achieve. She is is now engaged in a trans-global pro-motional tour which should earn her enough air miles to bag her a place in the next

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Faustian fantasy

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THE real-life "Dr Fanstus" was a vagabond mountebank and fairground conjurer, who died at Staufen in Breisgau in 1541. Supposedly a graduate of Cracow, like Copernicus, he frequented numerous German universities, presenting himself as Magister Georgius Sabellieus Faustus Junior. He became notorious for his blasphemies, for his "miracles" such as changing water into wine, and for his claim to be in league with the Devil. His exploits inspired a stream of so-called Faustbachs. The first of them, compiled at Frankfurt in 1587, was translated into Danish in 1588, into French and Dutch in 1592, and into English before 1594. As a fictional figure, Faust made his debut in 1594 in the play by Christopher Mar-lowe, where he appears as a man of overweening ambi-tion, striving to become "great Empezor of the world". He enjoys a season of power before the Devil reclaims his own. In Germany he featured in a lost drama by Lessing, and in a novel by F M Klinger (1791), before being adopted as

the central protagonist of Goethe's two-part verse tragedy (1808, 1832).

summary. Faust's pact with Mephisto promises him rejuvenation, and he lives to be a hundred. Gib meine Jugend mir zurück! In Part II, which treats the grosse Welt of society and politics, he is the minister of a wastrel emperor. When he dies, Gretchen intervenes, and the Devil is cheated; heavenly choirs greet the progress of a redeemed soul, as Love triumphs: Der früh Geliebte, Nicht mehr Getrübte, Er kommt zurück! (The beloved of long ago, no more befogged, is coming back!) Goethe's masterpiece inspired two operas, by Gou-nod and Berlioz, and the Faust Symphony (1857) by Liszt Thomas Mann's novel Doktor Faustus, (1947), revived the legend for a grim judgment on Germany.

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Deliver us from these fallacies

Nicholas Tate defends the

national forum's code on morality

There are four modern fallacies about morality we need to tackle if we are to support schools and parents in promoting the moral development of young people. The first is the fallacy that because we are now such a pluralistic society - a premise which in itself exaggerates the extent of fragmen-tation — that we do not and cannot, ipso facto, share a common moral code. What has been shown by recent events, not least the response to Dunblane and the murder of Philip Lawrence, is that this is simply not true. All major civilisations and

faiths show a remarkable convergence when defining those things in the human spirit worth valuing. This too was the experience of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority's national forum on values, in which nearly 150 people of all faiths and none surprised themselves by the extent to which they were able to reach agreement on a range of values to do with society. relationships, self and the environment

They did not agree about the source of our values. for example whether this is God or in human nature, nor

on their application to particular issues such as abortion and sexual morality; but all agreed that they valued truth, obedience to the law, collective endeavour for the sake of the common good, and our duty to try to discover

meaning and purpose in life. These and other values they wanted to see explicitly proclaimed.

The response of some members of our weary metropolitan intelligentsia has been predictable, and should be ignored. Their attitudes -- contemptuous of tradition, excited missive of the concerns of ordinary people — have been at the root of our moral confusion.

Equally predictable has been the response of those whose more particular moral views have not been included in the consensual statement of core values. Here i am more sympathetic. Social cohesion depends on stable relationshios, stable marriages, fidelity, trust and a central role for the family. It is vital that we give all this maximum support. But it is not true that there is complete consensus within society that one kind of family unit is more valued than another

The second fallacy is that moral opinions are no different from tastes and preferences, that there is no more point in arguing about moral matters than about tastes in food or foreign holidays. This kind of moral relativism is linked to the idea that our society is now so pluralistic that all

we can do is agree to disagree. We have been extremely successful in conveying this attitude to young people, as reachers will tell you. What we need is a reassertion of the idea of moral truth. One respects people with whose moral views one disagrees by reasoning with them, not by asserting lamely that their views

are as worthy as one's own. The third fallacy is that the supreme value is respect and tolerance. One of the findings of our survey of schools' value-statements was that schools which very definitely do not respect everyone - for example bullies and racists still feel a need to claim that everyone is worthy of respect. This is a reflection of what, outside schools, has sometimes come to seem like a "no blame, no shame" society. The national forum was very clear that it did not tolerate or respect everyone, and that people should have the courage to say this. At the same time it wished to preserve the genuine respect for difference and diversity that has been one of the gains of modern

Finally, there is the fallacy that, because it is legal to do something, it must be accept able to do it. We have become reluctant to condemn people exercising their legal rights. This confuses the liberal concern to limit the intrusion of the State with the issue of whether actions are right or wrong, beneficial or potentially harmful to society. One can maintain liberal limits on the

powers of the State while yet taking a robust moral line about The forum wrongdoing within

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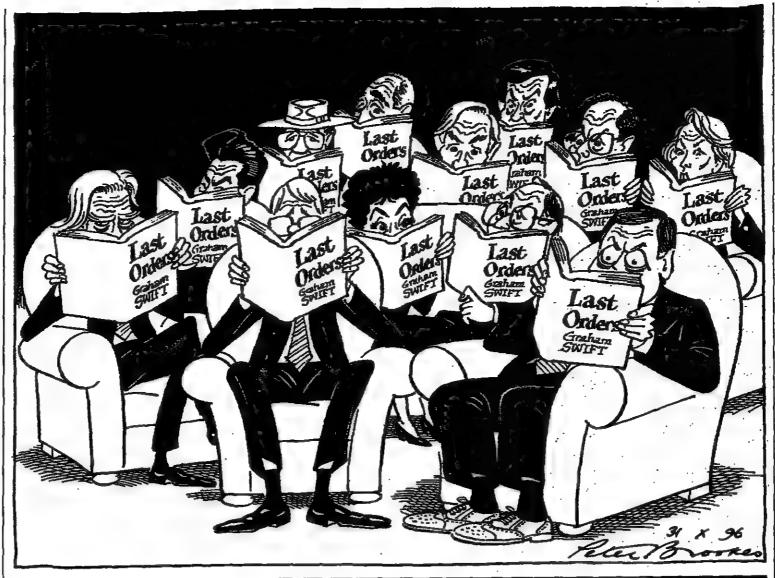
the law. The best way to support schools and parents in promoting moral development is by recogni-sing these fallacies. This means putting responsibilities be-

fore rights. It means reviving our sense that we belong to a civic society with a shared moral code and a common culture. It means recognising that there is a moral dimension to every aspect of our lives.

The underclass, run-down council estates and "sink schools" are not the only We must also examine the morality of the rich and the powerful, and of public life and business.

t one end of the spectrum is the libertarian view that only individuals matter and the market will answer even moral questions. At the other end, there is the pseudo-Marxist cultural relativism which rejects traditional moral codes as a bourgeois imposition, sees "judgmentalism" as the greatest sin, and accepts whatever debased lifestyle it encounters. Both have been immensely damaging over the past 30 years. Neither enables schools and parents to do the things that society legitimately ex-

pects of them. I sense we are coming to a turning point. Dunblane, Frances Lawrence's recent Wales's call for a genuine celebration of the millennium. and the national forum on values may be helping to create a new national mood. important as any programme of action for schools. In the end it will be the attitudes and assumptions of the wider society, and its support (or lack of it) that determine such a



Haunted by the unborn

the leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland, has made abortion a serious political issue in Britain. We shall need to take another look at Roe v. Wade, 1973, the case in which the Supreme Court of the United States decided to create a hitherto unknown constitutional right to abortion, the so-called right to choose. Whatever view one takes of its merits, the consequences of that decision have been formidable. The United States now has approximately one and a half million abortions a year, the great majority of them - over 85 per cent killing healthy foetuses. In the 23 years since Roe v. Wade, there have been a total of 30 million. Three out of

end in the destruction of the foctus. The sheer scale of these figures may be one reason why the Americans see this as an urgent political tain have not. Proportionate to the population, the number of abortions in America is about twice that in Britain. The Supreme Court has been responsible for a veritable genocide of American infants, comparable in number to the deaths for which Stalin, Hitler or Mao were responsible. Five times as many American babies have died as a result of Roe v. Wade as Jews were killed in the Holocaust. Even in Britain, these deaths, more than 3 million in the past 30 years, have exceeded the battlefield deaths of both world wars.

ten conceptions in the United States

They are the missing generation. Robert Bork, the American judge who was rejected as a Supreme Court Justice by the Senate in 1987, has made a cogent legal case against the Roe v. Wade judgment. In his 1990 book, The Tempting of America, he

In an opinion of just over 51 pages, Justice Blackmun, writing for a majority of seven justices, employed the right of privacy to strike down the abortion laws of most states and to set severe limitations upon the state's power to regulate the subject at all. From the be-ginning of the Republic until that date. January 22, 1973, the moral question of what abortion should be lawful had been left entirely to state legislamires. The discovery this late in our history that the question was not one for demo cratic decision but one of constitutiona law was so implausible that it certainly deserved a 51-page explanation. Unfor turnately in the entire opinion there is not one line of explanation, not one sentence, that qualifies as legal argu-ment. Nor has the Court in the 16 years

Since 1973, there have been 30 million abortions in America. Now Winning v.

Blair is making it a political issue here

since ever provided the explanation lacking in 1973. It is unlikely that it ever will, because the right to abort, whatever one thinks of it, is not to be found in the Constitution.

There is another warning here for Britain. The 10th Amendment to the American Constitution was passed as early as 1791, among the very first group of amendments; it reads: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." This was an early attempt to give constitutional protection to the

Europe has been called "subsidiarity". Manifestly, the 10th Amendment has failed to protect the right of the individual states to decide matters appro-

priate to them. Before Roe v. Wade, the states had different laws on abortion, some more liberal, some more conservative. The power to make their own laws on abortion was arbitrarily taken away from them. That was a ruthless blow against the democracy of the individual states, and we have to expect similar judicial activism from the

European Court.
Robert Bork, who by an irony taught law at Yale to Bill and Hillary Clinton, has now written a second book, Slouching towards Gomorrah, which is currently a bestsetler in the United States. He attacks what he sees as the corruption and decline of American culture, a decline which can be observed in Britain as well. His view is pessimistic: "For the immediate future, what we probably face is an increasingly vulgar, violent, chaotic and politicised culture," Many people in Britain also fear this anarchy and chaos; they are at the

centre of the present anxieties. Judge Bork regards abortion as one aspect of the loss of concern for

The systematic killing of unborn children in huge numbers is part of a gen-eral disregard for human life that has

been growing for some time. Abortion by itself did not cause that disregard, but it certainly deepers and legitimates the nihilism that is spreading in our culture and finds killing for conveni-ence acceptable. We are crossing lines, at first slowly, and now with rapidity: killing unborn children for conveniremog unoun cutofen for conveni-ence; removing tissue from live foc-tuses; contemplating creating embryos for destruction in research; consider-ing taking organs from living encepha-litic babies; experimenting with assis-ted suicide; and contemplating enthan-asia. Abortion has coarsened us.

I am not sure that abortion will remain so largely a non-political

issue in Britain, though even in America the actual consequences are hard to judge. Bill Clinton is unquestionably the pro-abortion candidate for the presidency. having even vetoed

the Bill that would have prohibited late-term abortions; they are simply a cruel way of killing viable babies at the point of birth. Yet he has a much larger majority among women than among men. One has to remember that abortion is traumatic and imposes a great responsibility on women. Those who have been through the experience are more likely to vote for candidates who support their moral judgment than for those who condemn it. If Tony Blair's position in the abortion debate were to become a campaign issue, that would certainly win for Labour proabortion votes as well as losing antiabortion votes.

If one takes the party leaders as typical, and one probably can, abortion seems to be a left-wing feminist and libertarian cause. Tony Blair has voted pro-abortion 13 times since he became an MP, has abstained 15 times and has never voted against. He is not the embryo's friend. Paddy Ashdown has voted pro-abortion 12 times, abstained 7 times, and voted against 9 times. John Major has voted pro-abortion 4 times, abstained 23 times and voted against 9 times. A similar pattern of the Democrats being pro-choice and Republicans pro-life can be found in America. in the past week there has been a difference of emphasis inside the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The English bishops specifically and strongly condemned abortion, but warned against making it the single deciding issue in whether to vote for a particular candidate. Cardinal Winning has frankly criticised Tony Blair's position, and seemed to be making a polite correction of the position of the English bishops. Tony Blair himself adopts the position that he is personally opposed to abortion, but believes it is a matter of choice for the mother, not a matter for the criminal law. Eight years ago he even opposed David Alton's Bill to reduce the limit for abortion from 28 to 18 weeks. That was surely wrong, as 28 weeks is now a viable term for many premature

ment is that abortion is not simply a choice for the mother, but has become a substantial medical industry, a very large one in the United States and quite a large one in Britain. Even those who think that abortion is morally acceptable in itself, and many people obviously do think that, might well still want to lay down the conditions in which that industry should operate. David Alton's Bill did not strike at the principle of abortion, but it did seek to regulate the age at which focuses could be aborted. That sort of regulation is surely an appropriate job for Parliament, whatever view one takes of abortion itself. Pope John Paul II has included abortion and euthanasia in condemning what he terms "the culture of death", a phrase which has been repeated by the Roman Catholic bishops. Robert Bork sees Roe v. Wade as a very significant part of their death culture, and also as one of the causes of the new barbarism of the United States. He takes the title of his new book from William Butler Yeats's 1919 poem "The Second Coming". The poem is famous because it expresses so many people's fears.

Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world, The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and The ceremony of innocence is drowned; The best tack all conviction, while the

Are full of passionate intensity . . . And what rough beast, its hour come round at last, Slouches towards Bethiehem to be born?

of the native Andrew Neil must heed the Scots, says Magnus Linklater

Return

C tushie is a good Scots word meaning an uproar or commo-tion, often associated with someone or something stirring things up. It is a fair description of the reaction to this week's announcement that Andrew Neil has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of The Scotsman and its sister publications in Edinburgh. Not since Oliver Cromwell headed north in 1650 has there been such a

north in 1650 has there been such a fluttering in the dovecotes.

This is, of course, partly to do with Mr Neil's reputation as a man of forceful opinions, not noted for his sensitivity towards those who ques-tion them. But is also a matter of timing. The appointment comes at a politically delicate moment, six months before an election, when the four major parties north of the border are staking out their positions, when vulnerabilities are being exposed, when a newspaper with strong views strongly expressed might just have a significant impact on the result.

It is a scenario Mr Neil will

recognise and relish. As his new autobiography reveals, he is clear about the social and political responsibilities of a newspaper and its editor. "Readers should be left in no doubt what their newspaper believes on the major issues of the day," he writes, "and its attitude to current events should, in turn, be determined by a broad set of principles which guide its outlook on life."

The principles which inform his own views, and therefore those adopted by The Sunday Times, were the need to challenge the post-war Establishment, which he blamed for Britain's decline; support for the market economics which, properly applied, had the potential to produce a social revoution; the belief that Margaret Thatcher had been broadly right but had not gone far enough. Mr Neil is a staunch supporter of the Union, of privatisation, deregulation and the old grammar schools. He derides the entrenched attitudes of the trade unions, the monarchy, the House of Lords, the established church, the welfare state, the law, medicine, inherited wealth and the liberal establishment.

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. He fought the closure of Paisley Grammar School, where he was educated. In his book he describes gleefully how, in 1987, he appealed directly to Mrs Thatcher and succeeded in outmanoeuvring the then Scottish Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, who was initially unwilling to intervene. The school was saved. "The leftwing press, especially the Glasgow Herald and The Scotsman," he

writes, "were spitting blood." This, then, is the empire Mr Neil has inherited. Pretty well every one of his attitudes is the exact opposite of what it represents. We are in for some interesting times.

f course shaking up a complacent Establishment is part of the function of a good newspaper. There would have been no dissent from that principle from the newspaper that Haroid Evans had once edited, despite the contempt expressed by Mr Neil for the "once fashionable, increasingly dated leftwing views" which he considered typical of The old Sunday Times, It too had a natural scepticism of all established institutions, whether of Left or Right. But it did regard detachment as a journalistic virtue. It pursued interesting stories for their own sake, rather than for some ideological goal. It never, so far as I can recall, saw its primary role as an engine of social or political change. And its leading articles tended to explore the issues of the day rather

than sounding a weekly clarion call.

Mr Neil's idea of the conviction newspaper is more in tune with the mood of the British press today than with the press of the distant pre-Thatcher days. Watched by anxious politicians, monitored by spin-doctors and weighed by the pollsters, the press bears more directly on the political process than ever before. To back Blair, to abandon Major, to align with the Euro-sceptics or embrace the single currency - these have become the indicators of a newspaper's character, far more than a reputation for painstaking investi-

gation or well-written features. Which makes Mr Neil's new enterprise that much more interesting. He is right to say that the Scottish media present a rather uniform view of the political and social scene. Broadly devolutionist, marginally left of centre, by instinct statist, defensive of Scottish institutions and distrustful of change, the papers might well benefit from a few more challenges. The Scottish Secretary. Michael Forsyth — the Andrew Neil of Scottish politics - has achieved much by questioning some of the Scots' more cherished assump-

tions. But he has not been loved for it. The close relationship that any decent newspaper establishes with loyal readers is a thing of long-established intimacy, and one interferes at one's peril. As with a marriage, its secrets may not always be discernible to an outsider, but should be respected. Mr Neil should spend his first few months in Scotland listening carefully rather than shouting too loudly. Although he is a Scot himself, the Scotland he is returning to will be unfamiliar territory. "Gang warily" is another good Scots expression.

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Still waving

WHO NEEDS Britannia when you can have Prince Michael of Kent? In Rio de Janeiro for the first stopover of the BT Global Challenge, old "sea-legs" Kent has asked to help to man a yacht for the 1,200 mile-long stretch between New Zealand and Australia.

The Prince hopes to join the crew of Ocean Rover on the round-theworld yacht race. He is undeterred by warnings that he will have to hunker down with the rest of the crew, sharing bunk-beds and doing his share of the night-watch. He has asked Chay Blyth, the

race director, for permission to join the Rover on the third leg of the race. The passage is renowned for its heaving swells which give rise to biliousness among the less experienced. Sailing is expected to last a week. The Prince's choice of Ocean

Rover, a boat sponsored by the Rover Group, may be connected with his visit to a motorshow in São Paolo, where Rover is exhibiting. Unlike other crew members. who have paid up to £18.850 to sail round the world, he is not expected to pay for his passage.

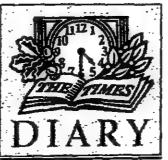
To date, the yacht's record has been unimpressive. Two weeks

ago. Ocean Rover came to a grinding halt in mid-ocean when it crashed into a large shark, killing the beast. More recently, the boat came close to being washed up on the beach at Copacabana, when she drifted perilously close to the surf coming into Rio.

 Indian heritage experts are flapping their pantaloons after discovering that the remains of the



"Oh no. Sir Cameron's in the theatre tonight"



noted 19th-century Urdu poet, Sheikh Mohammad Ibrahim Zauq, lie buried under one of Delhi's largest public lavatories. The Indian Supreme Court has ordered an inquiry into the unhappy circumstances, and demands that the toilets, which were built on his grave in 1961, be replaced with a more fitting national monument.

Bald truth

TITTERS spread like measles through the stalls at Covent Garden yesterday during the Royal Opera House's dress rehearsal of Don Giovanni.

Alison Hagley, due to sing the part of Don Giovanni's intended, Zerlina, was indisposed. In stepped staff director Andrew Sinclair. handsome enough - but shuriish, male and halding.
Thomas Allen, who is celebrating his 5th anniversary year at Covent Garden, remained a model Don during the wooing scene, caressing Sinclair's bald head as if

nothing more precious existed in the universe. The belly laughs only began when the surtitles flashed up his amorous libretto, all about how he loved to run his fingers through it

● After his Booker Prize triumph



Caresses but no tresses at the Royal Opera

on Tuesday night, Graham Swift awoke vesterday morning with a head-splitting hangover. By the afternoon, he was cheery again. "I decided to carry on, and to drink my way out it." he slurred.

Cattywalk

NAOMI CAMPBELL, the siren fron Streatham, has thrown a wobbly. She has backed out of a show in New York's Fashion Week for the designer Mark Whitaker, failing to turn up for her fitting for the event, which is a tribute to black models. Her representative says that she was never booked; others say that her team thought the show: to be beneath her, with not enough

models of super-status. Naumi is also being holty-totty about a show on Friday, and has said she won't appear unless she's allowed the most prestigious position - first on and last off the catwalk. One further condition: that Tyra Banks, a catwalk rival, isn't allowed to follow her down the runway.

Hair-raiser

CONGRATULATIONS to Gennifer Flowers, the one-time lounge singer, owner of the biggest hair south of the Mason-Dixon line,



from his government post for a spell in jail. Clinton, who was forced by Miss Flowers's allegations into admitting that his marriage had not been all it might have

Gennifer: won't be inviting Bill to the wedding

and alleged former lover of Bill Clinton. On November 2 she is to marry Finis Shelmutt, an institutional broker. Sheinutt, who wears a moustache, is a former in-law of Clinton's former Arkansas crony and Deputy US Attorney General Webster Hubbell.

Hubbell has since stepped down been, has not been invited to the

THE WRONG WAY

Higher interest rates will damage the economy

in agreeing to the Bank of England's demand for an increase in the base rate. The seriousness of the Chancellor's error should not be judged by the small magnitude of yesterday's move. On its own, a quarter point rise in interest rates is not going to make much difference to the economy, especially since it is unlikely to be matched by any change in home mortgage costs. But anyone inclined to hope that yesterday's increase had better be it to recall the words of Jeremy Hanley the last time Mr Clarke embarked on a round of rate increases in 1994, must be even more naive than the former Conservative Chairman

Once interest rates start rising, they tend. to increase by at least one or two percentage points before they again stabilise. "Mr Clarke's last monetary tightening, which the Chancellor referred to yesterday as the paradigm of a successful pre-emptive move" against inflation, took interest rates up by 1.5 per cent between November 1994 and February 1995. Even if Mr. Clarke proves more circumspect this time than he was two years ago, it is probably wishful thinking to assume that this rate increase will be the last before the general election.

This is the clear lesson of experience no round of monetary tightening since the 1960s has involved an increase of less than 1.5 per cent. It is also logical from an economic point of view.

The inflationary pressure that motivated an increase in interest rates, is not going to be removed until the rate increase has a substantial economic impact. And until the economic impact of higher rates becomes apparent in the statistics, the demands for monetary tightening from the City and the Bank of England which prompted the original rate are only going to intensify. The . markets' appetite for higher rates often grows with the feeding.

Businessmen, investors and homeowners ... Yesterday's step may have been a small one, should therefore brace themselves for fur- but it was clearly in the wrong direction.

Kenneth Clarke has made a serious mistake. ther rate increases, including higher mortgage rates, between now and the general election. Tory backbenchers had better prepare themselves for an election in which they cannot even boast about the Government's one previously unquestionable achievement — the maintenance of low and steady interest rates. Yesterday's small move, therefore, is bound to affect Britain's entire political and economic landscape and in ways which will be damaging not parts hat also to the national interest.

The political implications of this move are

even clearer. Mr Clarke presumably hopes that his toughness yesterday will increase this ami-inflationary credibility allowing him more scope to cut taxes in the Budget. The Chancellor insists, of course, that his Budget will be the model of prudence. But if it were not for the election and if the economy were genuinely in danger of overheating - which is by no means clear - Mr Clarke could have taken the necessary anti-inflationary action in the Budges by cutting public spending and, if necessary, raising

taxes, instead of pushing up interest rates.

The economic impact of higher rates is more complex. Consumer confidence will be dented eventually, but the main effects will, as usual, be on investment and exports. Sterling, which has already risen by 7 per cent in the last two months, is likely to appreciate further, making British exports less profitable and eliminating all hope of investment led growth Construction and manufacturing will suffer dispropor-tionately, while services will benefit The healthy rebalancing of the British economy in favour of manufacturing, which began so painfully after Black Wednesday, will be thrown into reverse. Instead, the country will be back on the well-trodden path towards the imbalances, trade deficits and the budgetary crises of the ERM period.

THE REAL PRIZES

Selection is necessary, not nostalgic

has now become as much an authorn rifual as the end of British Summer Time. This year's has already been characterised as another exercise in turning the clock back. The Education Secretary's opponents have delighted in the boliched managing addisplayed by her floorishing of the case. Shellar rhetoric has been deployed to damin the centrepage of her Bill — an extension of selection - with Labour caricathing it as a return to the 11-plus.

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The reality is different. Three painful decades after the comprehensive experiment began the lesson is slowly being relearnt that schools should be academic institutions and not playgrounds for social engineers. In the Sixues, pious egalitarians, guilt-stricken at the advantages private education had secured for them, opposed selection as the most obvious affront to their levelling spirit. As Melanie Philips has noted in All Must Have Prizes, educationists were driven by allegiance to an abstract notion of equality which meant none could be seen to fail.

Ms Philips has rightly drawn attention to the debilitating effect of moral relativism and progressive teaching methods. But the guilty men and women in the classroom had their accomplices in Westminster. Institutions and examinations which defended academic achievement, such as grammar schools and the O-level, were replaced by the comprehensive and the GCSE, both designed to cushion those who did not learn

from the consequences of their failure. Selection is not; in itself, a solution to thirty years of hurt. Its extension, however,

that education is about drawing distinctions. Selection helps both the able and the less gifted. Pupils learn better when their peers are marching in step. Moreover, the chance to select on grounds other than academic ability allows schools to specialise in areas. such as sport or music, increasing opportunities for the talented.

Ideally, the Government should leave it to each school to decide the number of pupils it wishes to select and the criteria it wishes to employ. It should then leave the best schools to expand, or indeed takeover failing rivals. Instead; the Education Bill specifies the proportion of pupils a school can select. Quotas are rarely a good idea in education but there are merits in having some selection in a school that would otherwise be comprehensive. Indeed a measure of selection should suit Labour. Allowing heads to choose some of their intake on the grounds of ability can both secure a broader social mix for some schools and make it essier to stream pupils, ás Labour wishes.

Giving schools the chance to choose their pupils will not mean a diminution of parental choice. It should mean an expansion in available choices as schools embrace the opportunity to become more diverse. That diversity might best be secured in the next parliamentary session by giving parents even greater power with vouchers. Choice is not the enemy of quality, but its best guarantee. The more competitive pressure on schools, the more likely they are to adopt the traditional teaching methods and emphasis on excellence parents require.

KREMLIN SICKNESS

Gorbachev sends a message home from London

Mikhaif Gorbachevs call on President Yeltsin to resign comes as no surprise. The former Soviet President has an antipathy to take tough decisions, including the sacking his successor in the Krembin, based on personal slights, wounded pride and deep political antagonism. In The Times/Dillons forum on Tuesday night he blamed Mr Yeltsin for pulling Russia out of the Soviet Union, precipating the break-up of the Soviet state. He has contempt for the economic reforms which he says have benefited only 10 per cent of the population. He admires General Aleksandr Lebed as a man' of honour, action and integrity - mainly, it seems, because he presents the greatest challenge to Boris Yeltin.

Mr Gorbachev's call on the Russian lead. er to admit that his health is too poor to continue in office must, therefore, be seen in the context of their embittered relations. Nevertheless, he makes some trenchant points. He urges Mr Yeltsin to spare Russia the insighting that, he recalls from personal experience, so paralysed the Soviet Union in the wasted years of the Brezhnev-Andropov-Chernenko gerontocracy. Russia cannot afford a prolonged interregnum; the consti-tution is too new, the precedents too few and democracy too brittle to survive determined assaults on its structures by would-be leaders. Mr Gorbachev argues that only a

new election could restore legitimacy. Mr Yellsm's supporters, however, insist that the President was fairly elected and is entitled to his term in office as long as his health permits. There is no evidence that he still commands respect.

is too incapacitated to govern; he has shown that even from his sick-bed he is not too ill to of Mr Lebed and the stripping of General Aleksandr Korzhakov, his corrupt former aide, of his military duties. The medical team will make its decision next week. It may find Mr Yeltsin ready for an operation, from which he may make a full and reasonably speedy recovery.

Nevertheless; Mr Gorbachev has touched on the most sensitive question: the legitimacy and power of those who are ruling in Mr Yeltsin's pane. What particularly angers Mr Gorbachey, who claims now to speak for the average citizen, is the corruption that has infiltrated the government machine and the shameless pursuit of profits by the privileged lew at the expense of the many. He still dreams of some "third way", neither communist nor capitalist, that appears to be a vague version of Swedish social democracy. If reform had come more gradually, he believes, the excesses so visible

today could have been avoided. Perhaps. The West is inclined to be charitable to Mr Gorbachev because of the way the last Soviet leader, with so little bloodshed, ended the division of Europe. But his economic message now is no more compelling than were his botched economic policies when in office. It is as an asmite observer of his country's turbulent politics. and as a continuing passionate advocate of the primacy of democratic freedoms, that he

TERS TO THE EDITOR

Teaching morals, virtue and self-worth to the young

From Vice Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch

Sir, There seems to be a problem in many schools with teaching anything at all, let alone virtue "Virtue must be taught". October 29). To maintain good order (which children appreciate) as the norm, discipline and authorities are informatically and authorities. thority are indispensable; and where disorder prevails nothing will be

Parents and teachers, both, should accept that the healthy infant and growing child push out continually in all directions seeking the limits of behaviour. If these are not imposed firmly and consistently adolescent neurosis sets in: "Let's drop some conevery on the motorway and see if that will get a reaction."

Discipline is neither arbitrary nor repressive but called for by the nature of the task — one person trying to con-vey knowledge to a group; and auth-ority must support discipline. In a sec-ular state the source of such authority is the government, but its potency and credibility depend upon the influence of revealed religion.

Yours truly, IAN McGEOCH, Kirk Deighton House, Kirk Deighton, Wetherby, Yorkshire.

From Mr.R. N. Gregg

Sir, Things will change just as soon as enough people, ordinary people, stop asking "what are they going to do about it!" and start asking "what are we going to do about it?" ...

Yours faithfully, RICHARD GREGG. 27 Woodhill Road, Portishead, Bristol. October 29.

From Dr Ben Wood

Sir, Your leader today, "Virtue must be taught" will strike a positive chord with most of your readers; is it not the application of self-evident truths in today's society that is the difficulty?

I was a very good little boy at my boarding school, something of a teacher's pet. My housemaster, however, was in the mould of Philip Lawrence and insisted that obedience to the rules did not mean that one was a "wet" weakling.
As you say, "Today's children will

need power to exercise any kind of will change and to her "vision for a better October 28.

in the coming world ... They will need to be shown that good behaviour is not to be decried but that it requires the high moral and physical courage so sadly but wonderfully displayed by Philip Lawrence.

Yours faithfully, BEN WOOD, 3 Kingsfield, Lymington, Hampshire.

From Mr W. A. L. Smith

Sir, Frances Lawrence's statement has started some sort of national debate on establishing new moral codes and, understandably, church leaders and politicians are addressing this aspect

However, what stood out for me was when she quoted her husband as feeling that "perhaps young people today feel unchallenged and undervalued. It is only when you are challenged and therefore achieve something that life becomes worth living" (report, October 19).

I think this is profoundly true and what could be more challenging than forming your own Triad gang and recruiting others into it? Or making your own petrol bomb and seeing what happens when you throw it into a car?

Most youngsters probably do find life interesting and challenging if they are sufficiently academic or good at sport or music, but generally speaking it is the rest who play truant and get into trouble.

There is great scope for inventive ness in providing them with challen-ges. One possibility that comes to mind is to allow a group, with proper supervision and protection, to demolish an unsightly building that is awaiting development. Vandals do this already, but why not do it under controlled conditions?

Yours faithfully. Wm. A. L. SMITH, Woodlands, Vicarage Lane. Nonington, Dover, Kent.

From Mrs Mary Whitehouse

Sir. You are to be congratulated on giving such generous publicity to the aims of Frances Lawrence's campaign

society" which surely touches all

She says that the media "have a responsibility to face up to the consequences of their increasing reliance on an insidious barbarity" ("Manifesto", October 21). Indeed. The National Viewers' and Listeners' Association published a report in August this year entitled More Cruelty and Violence 2, which analysed 200 films shown on the four terrestrial television chan-

Our monitors listed as weapons of violence every kind of firearm and variety of knife. Other offensive weapons included truncheons, razors, stakes, crossbows, macheies, axes, snooker cues, tyre levers and metal bars, and all in the name of entertain-

One of the sad aspects of all this is that the Broadcasting Standards Council is not very helpful, even though its function is to monitor the portrayal of violence, sex and bad lan-

Perhaps one can best conclude by quoting from its own code on the "portrayal of violence". It concludes "that a society which takes delight in or encourages brutality or cruelty (physical or mental) for their own sakes puts its civilised values at risk". Indeed.

Yours faithfully, MARY WHITEHOUSE (Founder and President Emeritus), National Viewers' and Listeners' Association. All Saints House, High Street, Colchester, Essex. October 30.

From Mr John Drake

Sir, Mr Major has promised to back Frances Lawrence's campaign for a national movement against violence and to promote good citizenship.

Does this mean he will now reject the policies which the Tory Government have pursued for the past 17 years, and its "me first" ethos, which have done so much to damage our society and to create the conditions in which social irresponsibility, lawlessness and violence breed?

Yours sincerely, JOHN DRAKE, 32 Stonechat Road, Billericay, Ess

Logic obscured by emotion in decision to ban handguns

Sir, I have seldom read such a poor argument for "blanket" gun control as that presented by Donald Dewar, MP "Parliament needs a free vote on guns", October 29).

The families of Dunblane deserve our sympathy and few of us, thankfully, will ever experience the depths of their pain and sorrow. But to express such sympathy by banning all hand-guns flies in the face of objective reason and ignores the thrust of the Cul-

The Dunblane tragedy happened, not because of legally-held handguns, but because a suspected paedophile reacted insanely to well-justified local complaints about his behaviour with

Despite verbal and written repre sentations to the police regarding Hamilton's unsuitability to hold a handgun licence, he had been re-peatedly granted licences for an increasing range of guns.

Two points are clear. Had the police carried out their responsibilities properly under existing laws at the time, Hamilton would never have held any legal weapons. Secondly, even if he had been denied guns, it is not incon-ceivable that Hamilton would have found an alternative method of mass murder. Handgun-ban legislation is unnecessary in the former case and futile in the latter.

A total handgun ban is proposed ostensibly to prevent any more Dun-

Sir, I applaud Lord Rees-Mogg's arti-

cle of October 23 ("Bishops or party pawns?", letters, October 26). I am a

committed, practising Roman Cath-

olic, but I would sooner consult the

Governor of the Bank of England on the Mystery of The Incarnation, than seek the advice of a bishop on the eco-

Furthermore, no matter how sound

a parliamentary candidate's agenda

may be on other matters, if they are at

variance with Catholic teaching on an

issue such as abortion, they would not have my vote. The bishops would do

well, when giving advice, to "render unto Caesar the things which are Cae-sar's; and unto God the things that are

Returned with interest

Sir, My local branch of Barclays Bank

is much nearer than Samsbury's (re-

port. October 26). It would be very

handy for me if they started selling ba-

Catholic bishops

nomics of a free market.

THERESE SIDMOUTH,

Mells, Frome, Somerset.

From Mr Tony Hodges

con, eggs and bread.

TONY HODGES,

The Park, Nottingham.

5 Cavendish Crescent North.

Yours faithfully.

elwood House,

Sincerely

October 27.

From Viscountess Sidmouth

From Mr J. L. Holmes blanes. I would suggest that the current paedophile register legislation is much more likely to achieve this admirable end, because suspected paedophiles would already be on police files and should automatically be de-

nied any weapon licence as a result. Mr Dewar would do better to apply some logic to this debate rather than allow his emotional reaction to cloud his reason.

Yours sincerely, J. L. HOLMES, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Street. Grimsby, Humberside.

October 29. From Mr Keith G. N. Nicholson

Sir, The most worrying effect of a handgum ban is likely to be the in-crease in illegally held guns. These are already cheaper on the black market

than in gun shops.

Two parallels should act as a caution. Prohibition of alcohol in America led to soaring crime and a huge loss of revenue to the Government, Although huge sums are being spent to curb il-legal drug use in Britain, consumption is increasing, regardless of the law, and the street price is falling (but still at a level where crime is often needed to support the habit).

I do not advocate that drugs be unrestricted but if their provision is regulated by the State, as Dr Cresswell suggests (letter, October 30), then the black market dies, crime falls and society has a better chance of controlling

their use and, more importantly, help-

Banning guns is the easy emotional reaction but so doing may be costly to us all. The Government has lost control of drugs and a ban will lose it any control over guns.

Yours sincerely, KEITH G. N. NICHOLSON, The Old Stables, Harrley Mews. Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

From Mr Chris Boylan

Sir, Our elected leaders, in dangerous dogs mode, are about to bounce into ill-considered legislation. Every sane human being shares the grief of the parents of Dunblane and that of Mrs Lawrence and her family

The compassion and wisdom of that lady are a shining example in this grubby age. It is simply squalid to see our politicians vying for electoral advantage by trying to see who can find the best way to destroy the legitimate sport of pistol shooting and who can ban the most knives.

Members of Parliament may cover the paucity of their ideas with as many smoke-screens as they wish but nothing will convince me that sound policing and proper application of existing laws could not have prevented both tragedies.

Yours faithfully. CHRIS BOYLAN. 3 Walden Avenue, Chislehurst, Kent. October 29.

'Sink' schools

From Mr T. Jacobs

Sir, Today's leading article, "Failing teachers" [see also letters, October 28], appears to accept "sink" schools as inevitable, it goes no further than to suggest that those who work in them be given special training. But as the situation in Halifax so de-

pressingly demonstrates, sink schools will arise where the policy supporting "a grammar school in every town" is implemented. Cream off all the more able youngsters, thus removing all

pupil models of academic achievement from within a school, and what should society expect from it?

The alternative is to establish large, well run, multi-disciplinary, multi-stream comprehensive schools in Halifax and wherever else the "sink" problem arises. Such schools welcome all levels of ability and motivate their pupils to give of their best. I know: I have enjoyed teaching in four of them.

Yours sincerely, T. JACOBS, 3 Holmesdale Avenue, SW14. October 23.

Second draw

From the Chairman of the National Council on Gambling

Sir. The decision to allow a midweek lottery draw (report, October 24; let-ter, October 26) highlights the need to review the timing of its live television

The Saturday draw, televised in the carry evening, is the second most popular programme among 10 to 15-yearold children, with 38 per cent watching. The latest survey figures from Oflot show that 18 per cent of underage children purchase tickets. My own research indicates that the figure

is a good deal higher. At a time when politicians are striving to discourage undesirable behaviour among young people the future welfare of our children should be

The law prohibiting children from taking part in the National Lottery needs to be more rigorously enforced; it should be clearly recognised that the lottery is adult entertainment. The draw should therefore be broadcast after the 9pm watershed and the age limit for the purchase of tickets raised from 16 to 18.

Yours faithfully. E MORAN Chairman. The National Council on Gambling. C/o Grovelands Priory Hospital, Southeate, N14. October 26.

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Reasons to raise BBC licence fee

From Sir James Hann

Sir, As an industrialist, it surprises me that the debate over the funding of the BBC has so far paid meagre at-tention to what I see as the investment case for an increase in real terms in the licence fee.

An industrial company decides to step up investment according to whether the money is available, and there is a ready market for the product and the investment makes sense in the

In the case of an increased licence fee, it is evident that these criteria are easily met. The money is available. As a nation we spend more on leisure pursuits each year. At 25p per day the icence fee is fantastic value. The market is huge and growing, as the popularity of the (expensive) satellite televi-

sion channels testifies. Is it in the long-term interests of Britain? Given that, in my view, the BBC consistently beats all foreign na-tional broadcasters in quality and value for money, the answer has to be a resounding yes. In addition, efficiency improvements over the last few years (Pennington, Business, October 8) have shown the BBC to be a good cus-

todian of our money.

Any business which has raised output and improved quality as the BBC has, without increasing its prices in real terms for ten years, is in my view a worthy candidate for investment. One could argue that the licence fee is in need of urgent review, leading to a meaningful increase.

Yours sincerely JAMES HANN Chairman, Eurotherm plc), Bramley Cottage, Bullhouse Lane, Wrington, nr Bristol, North Somerset.

Influence of Opus Dei

From Mr Ian S. Menzies

Sir, Though not in total sympathy with all the views of Opus Del, I welcome the fair account by Tunku Varadarajan ("Conservative and caring", October 26) — a long-overdue correction of long-standing slanders.

However, contrary to the implication of his article. Onus Dei's activities are by no means confined to Spain now and allegations of its secret influence in other countries are as distorted a version of the facts as they are in the case of Spain.

I also disagree with Mr Varadarajan's inclusion of the Jesuits among the orders "supposed to withdraw from the world". This is very far from the truth. The Society of Jesus has been closely and controversially involved in worldly affairs for hundreds of years, from 17th-century Paraguay to present-day liberation theology.

if Opus Dei can be labelled "proto-Thatcherite", then Jesuit philosophy may be closer to "one nation" (or perhaps "one world"). But then, having been educated by Jesuits, I suppose I would say that. Yours sincerely

October 28. Chamberlain's policy

PO Box 31, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

IAN S. MENZIES (Publisher),

IMprimatur,

From Sir Richard Keane Sir, Sir Nicholas Henderson's interpretation of Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy (letter, October

24) is not. I believe, a true reflection of the Prime Minister's mind. What was paramount in his mind was that Hitler could not be stopped by bluff and that England could not go to war without a united Empire. He believed that if the casus belli could be represented as resistance to Hitler's efforts to bring all the German people of Europe within the one Reich then there would not be a united

I know this because the then Editor of The Sunday Times, W. W. Hadley, was in the habit of having each week a private conversation alone with the Prime Minister and he and I, as his assistant and diplomatic correspon-dent, would talk after these meetings.

Yours faithfully RICHARD KEANE, Cappoquin Estate. Cappoquin, Co Waterford.

Hell on wheels?

October 25.

From Dr Margaret Gullan-Whur

Sir, Jemima Khan's comment after causing a car accident, "I am a terrible driver — always crashing into people (Diary, October 26), is refreshingly frank but may not please her insurance company.

Other remarks which one hopes will not get back to insurers include my uncle's, that he always felt safe when driving since, "I have the wheel to hang on to, you see". A recent encounter on a narrow country lane brought a wound-down window and a crisp: "I hope you're not expecting me to go backwards. I'm much too old for that sort of thing,"

My mother once asked, while driving us: "What does that sign say?" The sign" was a black and white cow leaning over a fence at the roadside.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET GULLAN-WHUR, Orange House, Heacham, Norfolk. October 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

BOROMABIMAN MANSION BANGKOK

October 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the "Partners in Progress exhibition at the Grand Hyan

Her Majesty afterwards visited Sauriwithaya School and saw a presentation on drugs education

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Sirindhorn, later visited the Thailand Cultural Centre and viewed an exhibition of Thai manuscripts and Royal gifts.

Afterwards Her Majesty at-tended a Luncheon at the Cultural renden a Luncieon at the Columna Centre given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to mark cultural links between the United Kingdom and Thailand.

Ambassadors from countries of the Commonwealth were also

The Queen, accompanied by The Crown Prince of Thailand, this afternoon attended a concert of British music given by the Bang-kok Symphony Orchestra in the

Cultural Centre.
Mr James Hodge was received by The Queen this evening when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards gave a Din-ner at the Residency of Her Majesty's Ambassador In honour of The King and Queen of

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later attended a Recep-Highness later attended a Recep-don in the garden of the Residence. The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Sogo Store and toured a British retail display. His Royal Highness later visited the Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries at Kanchanaburi and Chura Fri

Chung Kai. The Duke of Edinburgh attended Services and laid Wreaths

at each Cemetery and sub-sequently met families and veteran His Royal Highness afterwards

attended a Luncheon at the Felix Hotel given by the Governor of Kanchanaburi Province. The Duke of Edinburgh this

afternoon opened the British Brnadeasting Corporation's new World Service relay station at

Nakhon Sawan. His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, was represented by Mr Hugh Hudson-Davies at the Memorial Service for Mr James Gulliver which was held in St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. London SWI, today,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 30: The Princess Royal Patron, the Basic Skills Agency, this morning chaired the Advisory Seminar "Developing a National Strategy for English for Speakers of Other Languages" at Common-wealth House, New Oxford Street, London WCI

Her Royal Highness, Patron. British School of Osteopathy, this afternoon attended the Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SWI. KTJAMES'S PALACE

October 30: The Prince of Wales this morning attended the Agri-cultural Reform Group Sympo-sium at the Eurovillage Hotel.

His Royal Highness was enter-tained to Luncheon this afternoon by Prince Philippe at the Royal The Prince of Wales afterwards

toured the Rue de Lacken Restora-tion Project and visited the British Council Offices in Brussels. His Royal Highness later arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt

from Belgium. Commander Richard Aylard RN and Miss Sandy Henney were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 30: The Duke of Glouces ter, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, accompanied by The Duchdeparted London Heathrow Alr port to carry out engagements in the Republic of South Africa. Miss Suzanne Marland and Major Nicholas Barne are in unmodance.

YORK HOUSE October 30: The Duke of Kent this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Split, Croatia. Captain Marcus Barnett was in

Today's royal Birthdays today

engagements Miss Barbara Bel Geddes, aurress The Prince of Wales will re-open the Lyceum Theatre, London WC2, at noon; and, as President, The Prince's Trust, will present the Arthur Anderson Business Rewards to young entrepreneurs supported by his Youth Business Trust at St James's Palace at 3pm. The Princess Royal, will open the Institute of Sales and Marketing Management's annual conference at the International Conference Centre, Birmingham, at 10.30; as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend the national conference for the chairs of management committees at British Telecom. Berkley House. Birmingham at 11.35; and as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend a Cascade drugs education project meeting, Keepers Lodge, Chelmsley Road, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull, at

Princess Margaret will attend a service in Westminster Abbey to mark the golden jubilee of the Almshouse Association at noon, The Duke of Kent, as patron, will altend Trinity College of Music's presentation day ceremony at St John's Smith Square at 11.30.

74; Mr Eddle Charlton, snooker player, 67; Mr Michael Collins, astronaut. 66: Mr Hugh Cruttwell, former principal, Rada, 78: Vis-count Falmouth, 77: Dr lan Field, secretary-general, World Medical Association, 63; Mr Dick Francis. borough College, 53: Mr John Gunter, theatrical designer, 58: Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, 75: Mr Alastair Hetherington, Journalist, 77: Mr Michael Hoff-Journalist, 77: Mr Michael Hoff-man, former deputy chairman and group chief executive. Thames Water. 57: Mr H.R.F. Keating, author, 70: Mr Barrie Keefle, dramarist, 51: Mr Michael Kitchen, actor, 48: Mrs Angela Knight, MP, 46: Professor R.F. Mahler, consultant physician, 72: Mr Kevin Mooney, former jockey, 42: Mr Charles Moore, Editor, The Daily Telegraph, 40: Mr Brendan Daily Telegraph, 40; Mr Brendan Mullin, rugby olayer, 33; Emeritus Professor R.S. Peters, educationist, 77; Sir James Savile, broadcaster, 70; Mr John Sweetman, former clerk of committees, House of Commons. 66; Sir Derek Thomas, diplomat. 67: Professor John Vallance-Owen, physician, 76: Vis-count Waverley, 47: Buroness Wilcox, 57.

Memorial service

Mr James Galliver The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Hugh Hudson-Davies at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr James Gerald Gulliver, former Chairman of the Argyll Group, held yesterday at St Columba's Church

of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev W. Alexander Cairos officiated. Mr Maurice Watkins, a Director of Manchester United Football Club, read the lesson. Mrs Gulliver, widow, read Shakespeare's Sonnet 104 and Mr James Gulliver, son, read from the works of

Robert Louis Stevenson. Sir Alistair Grant, Chairman of Safeway, and Mr Brian Basham, gave addresses.

Saleway, and Mr Brian Basham, gave addresses.

Among others present were:

Mr Andrew Guillver and Mr Iain Guiliver (sons), Miss Alison Guiliver and Miss Fiona Guiliver (idaughters), Mrs Iames Guiliver (grandchildiren), Mrs Shella Crossley (mother-in-law), Mrs Julian Waldon (brother-in-law) Mrs Julian Waldon (brother-in-law), Mrs Julian Waldon (brother-in-law), Mrs Julian Waldon (brother-in-law), Mr David Willis (brother-in-law), Mr David Willis (brother-in-law), Mr David Willis (brother-in-law), Mr Dalietth, Lord Good, Lord Sanderson of Bowden, Lord McGowan, Sir Cranley Onslow, Mr, Lady Grant, Sir Ian Hunter, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Mrs Canoli, Mr Marine Grant, Mr Renneth Gill, Mr Victor Blank, Mr Martin Sorell, Mrs Siephen Clarke, Mr John Lithlby, Mr Colin Smith, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs G M Ferguson, Mr and Mrs Gerald Howarth, Mr David Donne, Mr John Beaumont, Mr Malcolm Pinchin, Mr Mr Chand Donne, Mr John Beaumont, Mr Mand Mrs Graham Roberts, Mr John Baker, Mr Parrick Holden, Mr and Mrs Silroon Raison, Mr Brian Portman, Dr Murray Lyon, Mr and Mrs Riley Silns, Mrs Sue Fallon, Mr David Walker, Mr Ross Globons, Mr and Mrs Riley Silns, Mr Sue Fallon, Mr David Walker, Mr Ross Globons, Mr and Mrs Riley Silns, Mr Sue Fallon, Mr David Walker, Mr Ross Globons, Mr and Mrs Riley Silns, Mr Sue Fallon, Mr David Walker, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Tomilisson, Mr and Mrs Riley Silns, Mr Sue Fallon, Mr David Walker, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Tomilisson, Mr and Mrs Riley Silns, Mr Sue Fallon, Mr David Walker, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Tomilisson, Mr And Mrs Roberts, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Tomilisson, Mr And Mrs Roberts, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Tomilisson, Mr And Mrs Roberts, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Tomilisson, Mr And Mrs Roberts, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Tomilisson, Mr And Mrs Roberts, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Roberts, Mr Ross Globons, Mr Braham Rober

Mr Peter Pitch. Mr Torn Hunter-Blair
Mrs Caroline Ryder and Mrs Maggle Tyler (trustees. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award), Mr Eric Koops (The Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship), Mr John Gillum (NM Rothschild), Mr Ian Bailey and Mr Nicholas Hely-Hutchiasun (Mercury Asset Management), Mr Rupert & Faure Walker (HSBC Samuel Montagu). Mr Jim Baile (European Marketing Confederation), Mr L W B Barras (Columbus Investissements) and Mrs Barras. Mr John Campbell (Campbell Lutyens and Company), Mr M Alastair F Maccherson (Ashurst Morris Crisp), Mr Janes May (British Retail Consortium), Mr Michael F Mackenzie (Feod and Drink Pederation), Mr Angus Grossart (chairman, Nethonal Galieries of Scotland) and Mrs Grossart and many other friends and colleagues.

Dinners

Farmers' Company Mr W.M. Cornish, Master of the Farmers' Company, presided at a ladies court dinner held last night at Cutlers' Hall. Mr C. Boswell was the guest speaker.

London Solicitors Litigation Association (LSTA)
The London Solicitors Litigation
Association held its Annual Dinner last night at the Law Society's Hall. The President Mr Richard Evans, and Mrs Elisabetta Evans

along with the Committee of the LSLA were hosts to the following LSLA were hosts to the following principal guests:
The Vice Chancellor, The Right Hon Sir Richard Scott, His Honour Judge Mitcheel Cook and Mrs Anne Codk, His Honour Judge John Luyd OC and Mrs Loyd; Master Gordon Hodson and Mrs Pauline Hodsoon; Master Richard Bowman and Mrs Joanna Bowman; Master Thomas Seager-Berry; Mr Michael Matthews (Deputy Vice President, Law Society) and Mrs Ann Matthews Mr Peter Gross, OC (Chalman, London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association) and Mrs Buth Gross, Ms Evelyn Gilvarry (Editor, Law Society Gazite), Mrs Donna Whiton (Chief Clerk Central London County Couri and Mr Whiton.

Reception

The King's Own Royal Border Regiment Major-General R.I. Hodges, Colo-

Major-Veneral R.J. Houges, Colo-house of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, presided at the annual reception held yesperday at the RAMC Officers' Mess,



Alderman Sir John Chalstrey, the out-going Lord Mayor of London, sitting while the painter Michael Noakes, a past president of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters, puts the finishing touches to his portrait in the Mansion House

Archaeology

Was Piltdown's finder its faker?

Walsh believes, unlike Profes-

scientific frauds that Dawson

perpetrated in Sussex, includ-

ing fake Roman brick-stamps

and a forged figurine which

suggested that the Romans

invented cast iron centuries

Mr Walsh suggests that one

reason for Dawson's actions,

in pursuit of scientific honours

which included Fellowships of

the Society of Antiquaries and

the Geological Society (al-

though the ultimate prize of an

FRS escaped him), may have

been sibling rivalry. His youn-

ger brother Trevor was

earlier than was thought.

sor Hail said.

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

YET another solution to the Piltdown mystery has been proposed, which for the first time in decades does not involve ruining the reputation of a distinguished scientist. Instead, the Sussex solicitor Charles Dawson, the "discoverer" of Piltdown Man, is fingered as the only villain.

accused, with varying degrees of plausibility, of being the forger, among them Teilhard de Chardin, the theologian and palaeontologist, Sir Ar-thur Keith, the distinguished anatomist, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The most recent suggestion,

earlier this year, was that Martin Hinton of the Natural History Museum was the perpetrator, based on the discovery of a trunk in the museum attic containing staining materials. The Pilidown forgeries were un-masked in 1953 when the bones were found to have been stained to make them look like

lossils. The attempt to implicate Hinton was condemned in the journal Nature by Professor knighted, and then made a Edward Hall of Oxford Univharonet. ersity, who carried out some of Mr Waish details a plausithe earliest scientific analyses ble way in which Dawson of the forgeries. "Charles

could have "saited" the bones, Dawson, a proven fraudster in teeth, and stone tools at Piltother spheres, seems a much more likely candidate," Profesdown under the nose of his scientific ally, Sir Arthur Smith Woodward of the Natu-Now a book by the Amerirai History Museum. The poked up Walsh has come to the same Dawson's basement workconclusion, although Mr room, and spent only hours, or even minutes, in the ground at sor Hall, that Dawson worked Pittdown. alone. In Unravelling Pilt-Most were found on spoil down he lists the numerous

heaps, not in a firm geological context, and Dawson himself "found" almost all of them, Mr Walsh points out. While his immediate associates did not suspect their jovial companion of fraud, local antiquarians long acquainted with Dawson were sceptical, and accusations of fakery surfaced in America within a few years. Mr Walsh is scornful of the case against Hinton. This

"riddle of the tenth man", as Professor Hall called it, may or may not be the last atttempt to involve an accomplice, in the light of Mr Walsh's analysis.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.M. Chaplin and Miss L.M. Proudlove The engagement is announced between Rowan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Chaplin, of Plummers Plain, Sussex, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Proudlove, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr A.V.E. Fothergill and Miss J.R. McGran The engagement is announced between Alexander Verney Edmund, younger son of Com-mander and Mrs Christopher Rodhergill, of Orway House, Chobham, Survey, and Joanna Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis McGinn, of Monkswell House, Beautieu, Hampshire.

Mr G.W. Longhurst and Miss LA. de Bass The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Longhurst, of Whenstead, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, and Lucy, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs F.W.J. de Bass, of Craxion, Tastefolk Mosfell.

Mr J.R. Sonnes Mr J.R. Somes
and Miss J.A. Jonandha
The engagement is announced
between lack, younger son of Mr
Robin Soames and the late Mrs
Robin Soames, of Toppestield,
Essex, and Isabelle, eider daughter
of M Raymond Jonandin, of Paris,
and Mrne Evetine Labrousse, of Limon, France.

Mr P.H.M. Swire The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr Humphrey Swire and Mrs Philippa Swire, and Fions, daughter of Mr Franco Donati and Mrs Anne-Chantal Donati, of Basel, Swimerland.

Mr P.J. Tresmare and Miss E.R. Barrest The engagement is announced between Patrick, second son of Lieutenant Colonel N.R. Treasure, DL of Milton Ernest, Bedford-shire and the late Mrs Treasure, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Burrett, of Bowdon,

Mr A.M.D. Harris and Miss R. Mills The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs David Harris, of Winchester,

and Rhisa, daughter of Mr David Mills, of London and Mrs Joan Mills, of Cardiff. Mr J.D.F. Landale and Miss M.H. Fane and Miss M.H. Pane
The engagement is announced
between Jamie, youngest son of Sir
David and Lady Landale, of
Dumfriesshire, and Miranda,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Vere
Fane, of Knightsbridge, London.

Marriages

Mr A.C. Scott and Miss S.J. Stewart and Miss S.J. Stewart
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 26. in Culross
Abbey. Scotland, between Mr
Anthony Scott, son of Mrs Peter.
Diramock and the late Mr James
Scott, and Miss Sara Stewart,
wonnerd daughter of Colonial and Scott, and MISS Sara Serwart, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs Robert Stewart. The Right Rev Michael Hare-Duke officiated, assisted by the Rev Charles

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura Marsham, Edwina Bagge, Emma Bruce, Georgina Stewart, Archie Stewart, Molly Stewart, Lona Stewart, Charlotte Hurley, Shamus Smith, Sophie Broughton and Alice Callender, Mr James Woodward, was beet man A proception was was best man. A reception was held at Arndean.

Mr H.J. Swanton The marriage took place on Salurday, October 26, 1996, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Rogate, of Mr. Henry Swanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Swanton, to Miss Louisa Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thomas. The Rev. Ralph Stringer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Naratie Kouzeleas and Lucy Straker, Mr. Jonathan Payne.

Lucy Straker, Mr Jonathan Payne A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is

Luncheons

Carllon Cinh Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour at a kuncheon of the Political Committee of the Caritom Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the political committee, presided. Sir Anthony Carner also spoke Anthony Garner sito spoke.

The Times Pennioners The Hon Hugh Astor was the guest of honour at a luncheon of The Times Pensioners held yes-terday at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club.

Those present were:
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Bishop, Mr George Clark, Mr W M
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Lecture

supper afterwards.

The Bristol Society
The Lord-Lieutenant of Bristol, Mr. Jay Tidmarsh, MBE, the High Sheriff and the Vice-Chancellors of Sheriti and the vice-chancelors on the University of Bristol and the West of England were present at a lecture given for The Society by: Lord Rogers of Riverside at The Council House last night. Mr. St John Harmell, Chairman of The Society, presided and Mr Pener Morris, of Eversheds, gave the vote of thanks. Eversheds hosted a

Anniversaries

ing spent abroad.

BORTHS: John Evelyn, diarist, Wotton, Surrey, 1620; Jan Vermeer, painter, Delft, 1632; Sir Joseph Swan, chemist and physicist, Sunderland, 1828; Chlung Kai-Shek, head of the National Government in China 1928-49, Chekiang province, 1887.

DEATHS: John Bradshaw, presi dent of the judges at the trial of King Charles I. London, 1659; William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, general, victor at the Battle of Culloden, London, 1765;

Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald, admiral, London, Dundonald, admiral, London, 1860; Harry Houdini, escapologist and conjurer, Detroit, 1926; Max Remhardt, stage director, New York, 1948; Augustus John, painter, Fordingbridge, Hampabire, 1961; Ramon Novarro, stlent film star, Hollywood, 1968; Indira Gandbi, Prime Minister of India 1966-77 and 1980-84, assassinated, New Delhi, 1984. New Delhi, 1984.

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BIRTHS BROK - On October 28th at The Portland Hospital to Tricis and Martin, Ion Alexander, a healthy and beautiful son.

BUTLER - On 28th August In Hong Kong, to Pamela and Thomas, a daughter, Antonia, a sister for Tymandra. Dandes, to Nigel and Henrietta, a son. the Portland Hospital, the Portland Hospital, the Marybeth and Curtis, beautiful daughter, Lindse sister to Lauren.

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Process - On 18th October, to Lois (note Green) and James, a daughter, Dalsy Patricia, a sister for Catharine and ELLESS - On 28th October, t Entriet (née Ford) and Mari a daughter, Anna Rachel,

HAGE - On 26th October at The (née Chitilac) and Alfred, a HISEY - On October 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Stephanie and John, a fine son, Harry, a brother for James and Jessica.

Fortland Hospital to Guineren (nee Sharif) and Zain - a beautiful daughbur, Sellie, a sister for Arman and Sense.

O'LEASTY - On Corobov 27th at brother for Cameron. WHEELER - On 22nd Details

1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Chris (née Eucker) and Nick, a son, Thomas Churies Tyrwhite. WESON - On October 24th at The Portland Resultal to

65由 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

October 1931 at St George's Hanover Square, Forber Spottiswoode West to Evely Marion Enrivagh. Fermethy of Sunningdale and Rogale, now at Line, Hampshire.

DEATHS

ALI - Athar, Journalist and All - Athar, journalist and Broadcaster, died peacefully in London, 29th October 1996; lowing husband of Lynne, adored Esther to Simal and John and belowed granefiather of Eashan. Feneral Friday November 1st, Eogenis Park Mosque following Zuhar Prayers, Memorial Survice to Prayers, Memorial Service to be held at a later date. Flowers may be sent to flundon Cemetery, Holdens Bull Road, London NW7 1Nh.

BARNES WARD - Patricia, on October 25th 1996, peacefully in the Crostwell Hospital after a brave light against camer. Deeply leved daughter of Frunk and Rose and adored mather of Ashley. Crematorium on Thursday Crematorium on Thursday
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COORE - Ernest died on 28th October 1996 in hospital. Much lowed husband of Dussen and father of Cevin and Redney. Cremation at Peterborough Crematorium on 4th November at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Dongtions if wished to Marie Curie Nurses clo Coop Funeral Service, Bourne, Lincolnabire (01778) 394687.

CRUSH RIAMS - North Calcul bom 1908, daughter of the late Dr. AL. and Mrs Cruickshank of Bury, Lancashire, and Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk and sister of the late Dr. Nati Cruickshank, passed pagesfully away on October 1996. Funeral Sevice took place on Monday October 21st.

CURTIS - T.W.H. (Then) OBE died 26th October aged 25. A very special person, especially to his wife Hazal. Lored by all who knew him. Private cremation. No nowers pieces. Demotions if destrei to disabled charmes.

FAMILIAT - On October 30th 1996, Alexander (Sachu) at 8t Mary's Respital London, aged 101 years. Born in Routnin Georgia, October 21st 1996, Peterd Amband of Blanche and father of of Hanche and father of Anne, Natalise and Christopher. Beloved by everyone, Funeral Service at The Russian Orthodox. Cathedral, Englismore Gardeas, on Tuesday November 5th at 10 am tollowed by budal at Kansal

faton - Edith Lilian on October 20th 1996, peacefully after a long Illness. Wife of the late

HITCHIMS - At St Andrew's Nursing Home, Drygrange, Mairose, on October 30th, 1996, Frederick Albert Hinchins, formerly of Gen Flace, Existen, Sewice at Moroomhall Crematerian, Pantlant Chappl, Edinburgh, on Monday, November 4th, at 1.15 pm. JACKSOM - Suddenly on Corober 27th 1976 (marris lacker of Norting Rin Gens, aged 85 years, Much loved aunt and great cant. Will be tedly missed by family and identify. Tenseral Service at Puttery Vale Crematerium on Monday November 11th 2pm, Enquiries to E Lanner & Son, Puttery, tab (0181) 788-2042.

MANNES - On 28th October suddenly at home. William (BHI) aged 78 years. Greatly loved husband of Margaret, loving Lather of John and Brian Dearly loved granded of Sophie and Alexander. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Hohme-sent-Ses on Saturday 2nd November at 11.30 am. Donations II desired for Papworth Hospital may be sent In-John Lincoln F/D, 40 Greevegate, Kunetanton, Northalk.

INGRAMS Tricia.
Broadcaster, sister and triend lost her fight with cancer 26th October. Hemorial Service Boly. Trinky Church, Brook Green, London W.6, 1.30 pts Monday. November 4th followed by cremation at Morthits. No black. Enquiries John Nodes Feneral Directors, (0181) 265-1819.

husband of Ins, father of George, died generally and without pain on 28th October, Funeral private. JOHRSON - Peacefully on October 29th 1996, Partick Johnson MA, OBE, sped 92. Furner Vice-President and Emeritus Fellow of Magdalane College Oxford. As he wished, his body has been donated for medical research. Messages to George at New College, Oxford GREGORY - John, Author and Dancer, died peacefully in hospital in London on Sunday 27th October 1996, aged 82. Much loved heshand of Sarkers and father and grandfather.
Promit Germon at Street,
Church, Cross Street,
Salthouse, at. Sheringham,
Norfolk at 3 pm on Friday
Lie November.

ROSTERLITZ - Pracefully in the loving care of the Staff at Bowan Court, Nursing House, on Saturday October 26th, 1996, after long 26th, 1996, after long suffering, Hans Walter Eosterlitz, Professor Emerities, of Pharmacology at the University of Abendeen, M.D. Ph.D. DSC. LLD. FES. Foreign Associate of The National Annatomy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. U.S.A. 1966 93 years, of 16 Glendee Terrace, Cults. A greatly loved and devoted beneath father, entitles and father-in-law. Faneral private. No callers plane.

1996, Gervase, aged 75, Instant of Carle and Cather of Shella-Hearietta. Creaxition 2,30 pm, November 7th, Beckenhain Creaxitorium. Family Dowers only, Donations to The Stroke Association.

RAVNIHOLT - Henning, died peacefully in his steep at Livingstone Court, Sarnet, Harts, on the sight of 25th October 1996. Born in bennank on 14th September 1912. Dearly lewed father of Kirsten and Troeis and proud genedisther. Functal Service at 2 pm on Thesday 5th Rosember 1996 at the Danish Church. St Katherine's Precinct, Legents Park. No flowers please. Dunations to North Landom Hospice.

MEWHAM - Group Captain folm Francis, DSO, DFC, at home to Code 200 1974. At home to Code 200 1974. At home to Code 200 1974. At home to Cadatopher and Human private and the Cadatopher and Human private Amorial Service at St Hicholas, Salthonse, Norfolk, Saturday November 9th 11.30 am. Donations if history in East Beamonian Fund of Salthonse PCC cfc Lioyd Dunham, 11a Awamse Road, Righ Kelling, Holt, Norfolk PKCS 6KD.

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Citation On 24th October 1996 theorysed on holiday in France, Rebecca Mary Richards, aged 24, Beloved daughter of Diana and James, much loved sister of Lan and Sophie. Requiem Lady, Queen of Apostles, The Green, Heston Road, Heston, House, Letton Road, Heston, House, Letton Road, Heston, House, Letton Road, Heston, House, Letton Road, Heston, House, Letton, Louis, Landon Road, Landon Ro

RICHARDSON - Molly Urvala otherwise known as Ursale Roberts on 26th October 1996 very pascerully in St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester aged 83 years, Beloved wife of the late Sidney. So wall known and loved, God Bless you in your new life. All enquiries to Esysolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, rei: (01243) 1844745.

ROBERTS - Ursula SEAGRIM - Gavin Nott, netired Assoc. Prof. of Psychology, Camberra University (previously Garkha Rifles and Zhobe Malitia) died in Camberra 28th October and is safly missed by his wife Elspeth, daughter Alison, son Neil and their families and all relations in UK.

SPOUDEAS - Thelia (née Angeikles), beloved wife of Fanos deceased. Dear Mummy to Lydla, Grammy to Electra Souras and Stephen Souras, a much loved sister and aunt on October 29th 1996 in Athens Greece, in her 86th year. Punetal on Kovember 5th in Athens; no flowers please but Gonations to your favourite charity in her memory.

RODGER - Major Charles Rowalie DL, late Queens Eoyal Regiment, suddenly on October 28th. Hinch loved husband of Winks, father of Peter and devoted gundlather. Funcial at St. Mary's Remediated grandiather. Femeral at St. Mary's. Bonvilston, on Monday November 4th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St. Mary's Church clo J. James, 11 Femeron Road, Rhoose, CF40 MM.

(nie Nezie). Died pescerally on 26th October in hospital. Widow of Hillmar and lattered of Thumbugidage at Steep Parish Chunch, near Petersfield, on 6th November at 2 pm. No Bernell Descena Sessenich Canadam.

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TAIT - On October 26th suddenly at Launton, Sen the summer of the summ TOMASKOK - Dune, journalist, on 27th Outober at Guy's Hospital agad 48, Pensetal at Church of E. Timmes Hors, Bostall Park, Sexheyheath on Mouday November 4th at 12ma Densitions to National Memingitis Trust.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

GLEMBOTY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Junet Isabella Glembott #21 be beld at St Cathberts* Church, Pateley Stidge, North Northber on Saturday 16th November 1996 at 2pm. BIRTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES WILLIAM FORREST

one of the foreeign correspondents of the old Fleet Street school in the days before the television camera substituted the immediate image for the considered word. Willy Forrest, as he was always known, was a slight dapper Scot whose quiet voice and disarming charm masked a steely determination to get the story, whatever the obstacles; and to ensure that it was printed without any "creative" sub-editing.

He first made his name with his coverage for the Daily Express of the Spanish Civil War, which began with Fran-co's attack on the Republican Government in July 1936. For more than two years Forrest rial freedom to exploit his reported the bloody battles skills as analyst of the political. from the Republican frontline until the Fastists victory in happened in 1937 when he beleaguered Republicans' request to lobby Parliament for desperately needed medical aid. "It's what I'm most proud of," said. Borrest. But: the Express's owner, the Conservative but maverick Lord Bea-

verbrook denounced his mercy mission as "political intervention. tervennon.
Forrest resigned immediately from the paper, whose right-wing stance had made life uncomfortable for such an ardent Leftist - still a member of the Communist Party — and joined the News Chronicle, whose other correspondent in Spain was Arthur Koestler. On that Boeral daily Forrest was at last free to report the

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style that was to mark him out among his peers. From then on the battlefield was to become his beat. He was on the spot for the Nazi invasion of Poland; escaping

Civil War with all his convic-

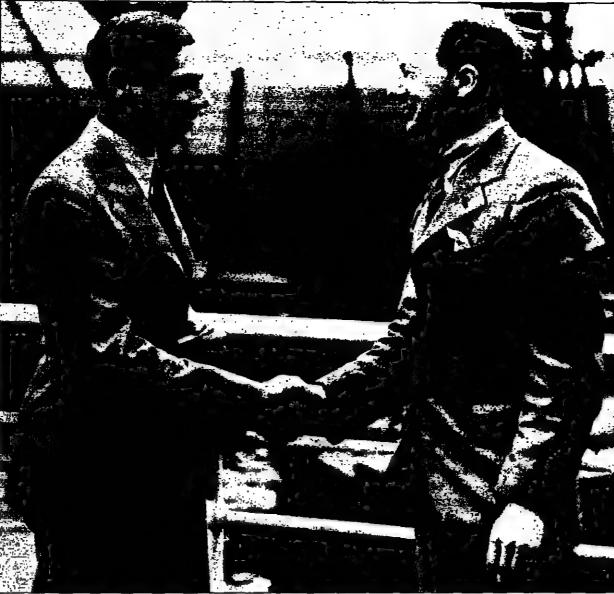
tion in the cool, authoritative

William Forrest foreign correspondent, died on October 28 aged 94. He was born on March 21, 1902. His next assignment was the Russo-Finnish war. Ironically, that campaign, in which the Red Army brutally overranting Finland to extend its border defences, sowed the seeds of his eventual distillution one of the foresionment with the Marost faith in which he had been brought up, although he remained a socialist to the end. As the Second World War

began in earnest, Forrest covered each front in succession: the retreat from Dunkirk, the London Blitz, the-Eighth Army's Desert cam-paign (he was wounded at-Tobruk), the Allied landings in Sicily and Salerno, the Normandy landings, the Rhine crossing and the fall of Berlin. By the end he probably knew more of war than some of the generals he interviewed:

When peace came Forrest became the News Chronicle's chief correspondent in Paris, where he revelled in the editoand social problems of liberated France after five years of 1939, with one break. This coping with the unenlightened happened in 1937 when he censorship of the desk-bound came back to London at the Whitehall warriors. Finally, it was as the paper's diplomatic correspondent, with his unri-valled inside knowledge of the European corridors of power, that he was able to give the New Chronicle its reputation for informed insight.
William Downie Forcest.

was a classic Scottish "lad o' pairts", born into honest poverty on Glasgow's Lanarkshire fringe, rising to the top of his profession (or trade, as he called it). His father had had a comfortable job in the drinks trade until his mother, whose character was a formidable blend of inherited Presbyterian rectitude and passionate communist conviction, convinced him that making a living from alcohol was immoral. So Forrest senior became a labourer on a pittance. that barely kept the family of five alive. Before school each



William Forrest, right, greeting Arthur Koestler on the latter's return from a Fascist prison in Spain in May 1937

each week." he said, "paid for the bread that was our main

When he left school in 1917. choice of three jobs: one at a coal merchant's at ten shillings a week; another at a flour mill at seven shillings and sixpence; and the third as a morning Willy delivered sixpence; and the third as a off to the Great War.

bread and newspapers. The copy boy at the Glasgow The "gey gleg halflin", to taught polyglot when his only five shillings I brought home Herald at five and ninepence. describe Forrest in the Scots son George, celebrated Greek

"The newspaper job," decided tongue he loved to converse in his far-seeing mother and took fit means "very bright younghim to see the great man, the editor, in his Rennie Mackinat the age of 15, he had the tosh office. But he never made from the subs' desk adding copy boy: "Start on Monday as a sub-editor," said this shrewd judge of talent, whose last young journalist had just gone

ster"), was a natural linguist who spent his hours away Russian (of course), Hebrew, Arabic and Greek to the French and Latin he had brought from school. (It was a

scholar, became Wykeham Professor of Ancient History at Oxford in 1977.)

Although he retired almost quarter of a century ago, Forrest was still writing regularly for the international periodical Gemini in his late eighties — to the end the journalists' journalist.

He is survived by his wife Ina and their son.

SIR RODERICK **BARCLAY**

Sir Roderick Barclay, GCVO, KCMG, former Ambassador to Belgium and Denmark, died on October 24 aged 87. He was born on February 22,

RODDIE BARCLAY belonged to that generation of diplomats who, after the Second World War, helped to create the series of multilateral alliances which still provide a framework for international relations. He even called his spaniel Efta, after the Euroean Free Trade Association.

He was later one of the socalled "flying knights" who, under the leadership of Sir Pierson Dixon, Ambassador to France, tried in the early 1960s to negotiate Britain's entry to the Common Market - until President de Gaulle's notorious "non". However, despite also serving as envoy to two Nato allies, Barclay is still best remembered for the two years he spent between 1949 and 1951 as principal private secretary to the Labour Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin.

Surprised, if gratified, to be offered such a glittering prize, he told Bevin, on accepting the appointment, that he hoped he would be up to the demanding task. Bevin replied that if their partnership did not work out "you can consider it my fault".

Barciay's duties as a fluent French speaker included having to translate restaurant menus. On the first occasion he was taken aback when the Foreign Secretary called for "some newts with our dinner". He quickly discovered that this meant Nuits St Georges. But the chemistry between Barclay and Bevin worked so well that, despite their widely differing backgrounds, there developed a great mutual liking and respect. Barclay's short biography, Ernest Bevin and the Foreign Office 1932-69, written in retirement, provides one of the most endearing and illuminating

Despite belonging to the seventh generation of the banking family, Roderick Edward Barclay was born in Japan where his father was a Church of England missionary. His mother, who at one time had given up hope of having children, was to die when Roddie was only three months old. Later he was sent back to England to board at Harrow School, spending holidays with relatives.

cameos of Bevin.

He had no academic worries and won a variety of prizes while also being good enough at games to hold his own. At Trinity College, Cam-bridge, where he read modern languages, he squandered his chances of taking a first by

spending his time shooting

wildfowl on the Fens. Barclay began his diplomatic career in 1932 and served before the war in Brussels and in Paris. During the war itself he was in Washington where he helped to represent the cause of the Free French to a sceptical US Administration.

There followed a long postwar period at home, including his time as head of the private office of the Foreign Secretary. After Bevin's retirement he stayed on to serve Herbert Morrison, whom personally and professionally he held in less regard. It was Barclay who first advised Morrison of the growing suspicion about Donald Maclean — who had in fact served under him in Paris and briefly in Washington. But Maclean, along with an unintended Guy Burgess, made his notorious flight before the net finally closed.

Barclay was appointed a Commander of the Victorian Order in 1953 after his work as head of the Foreign Office protocol department in helping to organise the Coronation. He was knighted for the first time two years later before going to Denmark as Ambassador. He was only 49.

He hosted two State visits. one while he was in Copenhagen, 1956-60, and again dur-ing his time in Brussels, 1963-69. In between these ambassadorial posts he was once more in London as a deputy under-secretary and "adviser on European trade questions".

On retiring from the diplomatic service at the age of 60, Barclay joined the "family" bank, serving as non-executive chairman of its French subsidiary and as a director of Barclays International and of the Banque de Bruxelles.

Barclay's great strengths both as a diplomat and a businessman were his imperturbability in a crisis and his popularity. Subordinates. many of whom went on to reach high office themselves, received his total loyalty and trust, and repaid it in kind.

He remained a first-class shot throughout his life as well as being an accomplished fly fisherman. He took great pride when serving dinner at his Buckinghamshire home in pointing out that he had bagged the pheasant himself and grown the vegetables in his own garden. He was essentially a family man.

He married a cousin, Jean Gladstone, a kinswoman of the 19th-century Prime Minister, in 1934, and they celebrated their diamond wedding two years ago. She died earlier this year and Roddie Barclay, who never fully recovered from the loss, is survived by their son and three daughters.





chairman of Matthew Clark and of Enterprise Inns, died of a heart itack on October 28 aged 57. He was born on December 24, 1938.

AN ARCHETYPAL gentle giant, Michael Cottrell was one of the best known and best liked figures in the drinks industry. After a 27-year-long career at Courage, during which it became one of the country's top brewers, he waslater in demand as the parttime chairman of several smaller companies in the industry.

expanded rapidly Each under his leadership. In that role, aided by a oft 4in frame and a strong physical pres-

ence, he had the much valued gift of being able to guide, encourage and if necessary rein in executives firmly, good-humouredly and without causing offence.

Cottrell was born into the drinks business. Saccone & Speed, the wines and spirits firm, was in the family. After education at Downside and at Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he earned a good law degree, in 1960 he started in the business and in Courage, which bought Saccone & Speed as part of the expansion of leading brewers into all aspects of the drinks industry. The next two decades were a

time of great opportunities for able young managers in the big new brewery combines.

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But they were also a time when personal skills were at a premium amid the rivalries of regional dynasties of the old beerage brought together by the torrent of mergers. Cottrell's hard work and easy manner prospered in this tricky atmosphere and he moved swiftly up the ladder.

The fashion for mega-mergers then changed Con-rell's life, along with that of many other top managers. Courage, the product of merg-ers, was itself taken over by Imperial, the successful tobacco group that had turned itself into a less successful conglom-erate. Battle-hardened Courage managers soon took a broader role, allowing Cottrell to emerge as a youthful managing director of the brewing and drinks division.

A second watershed came early in 1986. Cottrell's stewardship of Courage was cut short after Hanson, a more aggressive conglomerate, in turn gained control of Imperial, and rapidly dismembered after a bitterly contested £2 billion takeover battle, then the biggest seen in Britain.

Courage was in good fettle, Hanson aimed to keep it and Cottrell, much exercised about the future of his division and its employees, was content to be one of the few top Imperial executives not shed by their new masters. Little more than year later, however, he decided to move on soon after Hanson opportunistically accepted an offer for Courage from the Australian owners of

At the relatively early age of 50, Cottrell was to embark on a new career as an elder statesman, guiding and leading rather than managing. After brief, uncongenial spells as a head-hunter and as chairman of First Leisure, his authority, good sense and friendly disposition made him a popular choice for the boards of drinks firms, not least among their bankers and institutional shareholders. He variously became chairman of Matthew Clark, Enterprise Inns and, until conflicts of

interest arose, Taunton Cider. Clark, a long-standing but modest family drinks producer-distributor, was starting to expand rapidly under Peter Alkens, who had been Cortrell's production director at Courage. Enterprise is one of the leading independent pubowning companies that owe their rapid growth to the limits placed on the big brewers'

Taunton had been owned by a consortium of brewers, including Courage, before it gained its independence and later, when Cottrell was at the helm, won its own stock market flotation. Last year it was absorbed by Matthew Clark and ran into trading difficulties: Cottrell was due to tell shareholders of plans to deal with them the morning

after his fatal heart attack. His new career certainly did not make Controll's life any less hectic or give more time for passions such as shooting and gardening at his home in Kent. But it did allow him the pleasure of regaining control of the original part of the family business. He bought the Gibraltar operation of Saccone & Speed from the new

owners of Courage.

Cottrell is survived by his wife Amanda, a Justice of the Peace, two daughters and two sons, one an executive of a top drinks group, the other working in Gibraltar.



Sir Roderick Barclay and his pet spaniel, Efta

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THE BLACKWALL TUNNEL. Messrs S. Pearson and Son, the contractors

to the London County Council for the Blackwall Tunnel, yesterday entertained a large party to luncheon, which was served under the bed of the Thames, to celebrate the successful completion of the subaqueous portion of the undertaking. Among those who were invited to inspect the works were the chairman and many members of the London County Council, Earl Russell, the Earl of Coulcust Six Inspect Security Six Inspect Vision 1997. Onslow, Sir Joseph Savory, Sir James Kitson, Sir Alexander Rendel, Mr. George Livesey, Mr. J.W. Maclure, M.P., the Mayor of Colchester, Sir John Colomb, and Sir Saul Samuel. Visitors were taken over the tunnel and there were guides in abundance to explain the methods and appliances employed in carrying our this difficult piece of engineering. These have already been described in The Times (December 26, 1894). The pneumatic shield, without which the work would have been impossible, was naturally of great interest and the adventurous were enabled to get some notion for themselves of the sures of being in compressed air, though the pressure was only a trifle above that of the atmosphere instead of being 35th, as it had to be during a great part of the excavation. Though the passage under the river is now

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Luncheon was served beneath the Thames as the Blackwall Tunnel neared completion. The building of the tunnet was superintended by Sir Alexander Binnie, chief engineer to the London County Council; the contractor was Weetman Pearson, later Viscount Cowdray.

complete, except that it is not yet lined with white brick and the roadway is not formed, there remains much more to be done, and it is unlikely that the tunnel will be ready for traffic for 18 months yet. On the north side some 1,200 ft of tunnel have yet to be made and, though this part is not under water, the engineers are by no means sure that it will not give considerable trouble. The difficulties will not, however, be of so alarming a character as

those that had to be faced under the river, where in some places the heads of the

workmen were only about 5ft from the bottom

vanquished by means of the compressed air, which was able to withstand the pressure of water sometimes nearly 50ft deep. Amongst other untoward incidents that occurred may be mentioned that the shield, when being forced forward by hydraulic rams capable of exerting a pressure of 4,800 tons, came into contact with a rock, and was so knocked out of shape as to cost some £10,000 to repair. But, in spite of such accidents, and of the gloomy prognostications of failure made by some experienced engineers, Messrs. Pearson have mulished what promised to be by far th ost difficult part of the undertaking. On this they may well be congratulated, as well as on the immunity from fatal accidents which they have enjoyed. No workman has been killed either by falling off scaffolds (for which the two deep shafts at each end afford abundant opportunity) or by mishaps from the machinery: nor has there been any death from the effects of compressed air. This, no doubt, is due to the care with which the men were medically examined before being allowed to work under the high pressures which were at

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of the stream, and where, moreover, the work had to be carried on in water-logged gravel which it was impossible to drain. The river, indeed, did burst in twice, but was ultimately

NEWS

Blair capitalises on Tory disarray

■ Tony Blair and Labour have jumped to their highest poll ratings since the spring after the party conferences and the Government's recent disarray on policy, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, puts Labour on 56 per cent against 28 per cent for the Conservatives and dashes Tory hopes that the party might at last have started to narrow the gap significantly ...

Clarke's rate rise wrongfoots City

Kenneth Clarke surprised business when he ordered a quarter point rise in base rates to 6 per cent. The increase, the first in 18 months, wrongfooted the City which had been expecting rates to remain unchanged, and left shares lower but triggered a sharp rise in the pound

Major's six of best

John Major's opposition to corporal punishment may date back to a humiliating experience when he was subjected to six of the best in front of 24 classmates Page I

Ruth Neave jailed

Ruth Neave was cleared of murdering her Nikki, 6, but sentenced to seven years in prison after admitting cruelty. Cambridgeshire social services suspended ...Pages 1. 5 two workers.....

Christmas post threat

Talks aimed at averting disruption to the Christmas post are to begin between the Royal Mail and unions after postal workers strongly backed more industrial

Hope for widow

Diane Blood, who was fighting for the right to have her late husband's baby, was cautiously optimistic yesterday that she might be allowed to go abroad for treatment..... Page 3

School inquiry row

The Chief Inspector of Schools was at the centre of a row after claims that he had prejudged an emergency inspection of a strikethreatened school......Page 4

Kwai remembered

The Duke of Edinburgh flew over the infamous Bridge on the River Kwai and attended a service of remembrance for those who died building the railway Page 7

Shopping for power

People will soon be able to choose whether to get their electricity from wind turbines in Wales or small hydroelectric schemes in Scotland in what is said to be a greener choicePage 8

Double Booker'd

Graham Swift, the Booker Prize winner, and earlier winner Michael Ondaatje were taught English by the same man at Dulwich College, which has also produced other famous writers _.... Page 9

Mi6's French spy list MI6 gave the French secret service a list of 300 French diplomats and other foreign service officials suspected of being communist spies during the Cold War, Le Monde reported Page 13

Rwanda nears war

Rwanda and Zaire are on the verge of war after Rwanda sent commandos across the Ruzizi river in retaliation for the shelling of

Taleban bombing raid Taleban warplanes dropped cluster bombs in the Panjshir Valley stronghold of the commander of the forces besieging northern Kabul, it was claimed Page 15

Congress's close call With six days left, the race for the White House may be almost over, but the battle for Congress is becoming one of the closest

Australlan scientists back a loser

■ Two Australian scientists believe they know how to spot a loser after spending many hours at the racetrack. Instead of gazing vaguely at the horses as they parade before a race, they urge punters to concentrate on six key characteristics to avoid putting their money on also-rans. Bookmakers said they would rather know who was going to win



This 2nd century BC gilded bronze Roman mask, used in battle, was found during excavations near Leiden. The Netberlands

BUSINESS

Economy: Sterling rose to a twoand-a-half year high after Kenneth Clarke's unexpected decision to raise rates by a quarter point to 6 per cent

Confidence: Consumer optimism is now running at its highest level this decade and should be higher still by the time of the general

Sainabury: J Sainsbury reported a sharp drop in interim profits and. in apparent acknowledgement of the depth of its problems, said that it would bring forward a reshuffle

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 29.6 points to close at 3963.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 89.1 to 90.2 after a rise from \$1.6108 to \$1.6326 ...

SPORT

Football: The Premiership and Nationwide League and holding talks with the Football Association to see if the start to the 1997-98 season can be brought forward...... Page 48

Rugby union: Australia opened their tour of the British Isles with a 47-20 victory over Scotland A, but lost their experienced centre, Jason Little, with a knee injury ... Page 45 Cricket: Peter Moores is to replace Alan Wells as captain of Sussex. Wells had been in the post for five years but the club has just experi-

enced a turbulent season... Page 46 Tennis: Three more seeds, Boris Becker, Pete Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic, were knocked out of the Paris Open, bringing the total to eight after three days of the

Politician's art: Showcasing the first Prime Minister's collection: the treasures of Robert Walpole's Houghton Hall in Norfolk go on

public display... ... Page 35 Art man: Robert Hughes, the man who turned modern art into television entertainment, returns this weekend with a programme devoted to American art.....Page 35

Films of the week: Robert De Niro switches to psycho mode for The Fan, while Steven Seagal takes on serial killers and secret agents in The Glimmer Man..... Videos and records; All three films in the Die Hard series have been

released on a single video; while Sir Charles Mackerras conducts a lively new recording of Don

IN THE TIMES

POP David Sinclair on the eagerly awaited debut album from the Spice Girls

■ INTERVIEW Valerie Grove meets the Chief Inspector

Suffering for her art: As the woman in charge of editing the newly-published 34 volume Macmillan Dictionary of Art, Jane Turner had, arguably, the worst job in the

world ... Dr Thomas Stuttsford looks at aggression in the home, genetic diseases, cases of adult asthma, and aid for the impotent Page 18

Prometheus on tire: Michael Gove on Enoch Powell; Peter Ackroyd on George Eliot; Roy Jenkins on a collection of political

Holiday villages: Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has opened the door to more leisure complexes

Proceeding stresse: Businessmen are fed up of activity holidays and are flocking to "flop out" at all-inclusive Caribbean hotels Page 41

Faced with Zaire's horrors, Europe

has only repeated the usual eternal phrases which counsel moderation ... the only admirable voice raised has been that of the Vatican, which, has not minced words, denouncing the cowardice of the Western world, and calling for immediate. "humanitarian intervention" by countries powerful enough to do -ABC, Madrid

Preview: Oliver Sacks travels the world to explore the human mind. The Mind Traveller (BBC2. 9.30pm) Review: Lynne Truss on parents behaving badly in Modern Times: Broken Homes Page 47

The wrong way

Kenneth Clarke has made a serious mistake in agreeing to the demand for an increase in the base rate Yesterday's step may have been a small one, but it was clearly in the wrong direction...... Page 21

The real prizes

Selection is not, in itself, a solution to 30 years of hurt. Its extension, however, is a welcome reassertion of the principle that education is about drawing distinctions Page 21

Kremlin sickness

It is as an astute observer of his country's turbulent politics, and as passionate advocate of democratic freedoms, that Mikhail Gorbachev still commands respect...... Page 2

WILLIAM REES MOGG

If one takes the party leaders as typical, and one probably can: abortion seems to be a left-wine feminist and libertarian cause Tony Blair has voted pro-abortion 13 times since he became an MP, has abstained 15 times and has

HICHOLAS TATE

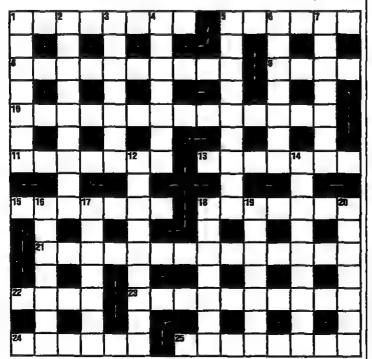
What we need is a reassertion of the idea of moral truth. One respects people with whom one disagrees by reasoning with them, not by asserting lamely that their views are as JOHN BRYANT

Stand by for football with timeouts. It may be a few seasons away, and it may sound crazy, but it could soon be coming to a pitch, or rather a television, near you....... Page 46

William Forrest, foreign correspondent: Sir Roderick Barday. diplomat; Michael Cottrell; businessman

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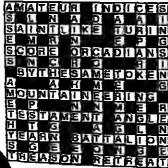
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- 13 One likely to be skinled out by good howling (4-3). 15 Add distinction to dingy com-
- pound if imprisoned (7). 18 As old as tago was (7).
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- odds (4).

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- 3 Eat duck in record blow-out (7). 4 Slightly altered t-shirts and longs
- 5 Platoon leader having another look through foresight (9). 6 Range of colours non-U girl used
- 7 Warriors of strong spirit brought up in parts of Asia (7). 12 Additional fee concerning new
- student (9). 14 Openings in, for example, North. East, and South (9).
- 16 Motorway goes up over the hill into dead end! (7). 17 A couple of presents unlocated (7).
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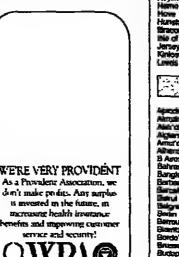
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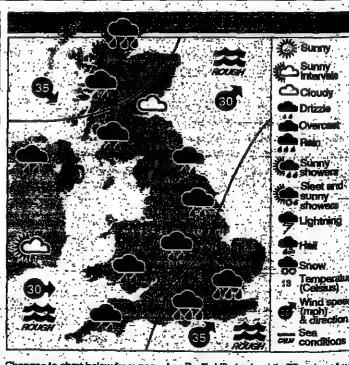
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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'Feel-better' factor materialises in time for election

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR CONSUMER optimism is running at its highest level of the Nineties and should be higher still by the time of the general

election, new figures show today.

While the study holds back from acknowledging the return of the long-sought after "feel-good" factor, it acknowledges that consumers are feeling "pretty good" across almost the whole country.

Conservative party strategists are closely monitoring economic indicators in advance of the general election, and especially any

signs of a genuine return of consumer confidence, which they believe will be central to the Government's electoral prospects. The report from Business Strategies (BS), the economic consultancy that has close links with the Treasury and the CBI, shows that optimism about both the economy and household finances is running at a high level and is still improving. Bridget Rosewall, a BS director, is one of the Chancellor's external economic advisers

who will tomorrow give guidance before the Budget next month. The study's consumer sentiment index, drawn from a range of spending and other factors, now stands at 20 - the highest figure this decade, though the rate of improvement in consumers' own bousehold finances is slowing down.

Claiming that "consumers are feeling

pretty good almost everywhere", David Fell, a BS director, said: "This survey's results' are a good indicator that consumer confidence will be in pretty good shape by April-May" in time for the general election. But when asked whether the return of the "feelgood" factor would automatically be of lectoral benefit to the Government, he replied: "I don't believe that a 'feel-good' factor on its own will be enough to ensure

electoral victory." Insisting that consumers need both to feel good for some time, and that any such feeling takes further time to translate into real spending, he said: "It's important in determining what happens in an election. Consumers will be feeling very optimistic, and consumer spending will be

strong by the time of the election."

BS analysts see the Budget as vital to that, insisting that if interest rates remain broadly unchanged and the impact of the Budget is neutral, consumer spending will continue to rise and will be in an even better position by the likely time of the election.

called big ticket items such as holidays and restaurant meals will improve more mark-

edly than spending on day-to-day items. The forecast comes after the Government published yesterday a new study setting out ways of improving Britain's hotel, tourism and restaurant sector, with Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, maintaining that tourism will be vital for the creation of both wealth and new jobs,

BS says that consumers are now less fearful about unemployment, and believe that low inflation is here to stay.

SIB and Bank of England warn lenders

By ROSSERT MILLER

THE Bank of England yesterday warned banks and investment firms against making rash lending decisions and overpaying their . star performers.

The Bank, together with the Securities and investments Board, the senior City regulator, said that the banking cycle has reached "a critical point" about credit risk and its pric-

In a clear reference to events at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and Jardine Fleming, the watchdogs said "recent irregu-larities in two fund management firms have underlined the importance of effective management controls and a

culture of compliance." The concerns of the Bank and the SIB are outlined in a new joint venture, The Financial Stability Review, published yesterday.

In an article on the issues facing the financial sector, the City authorities took the unusual step of questioning the sustainability of current high

They said: "The half-yearly results of the major clearing banks remain one of the main indicators of the performance of the UK financial sector. The most recent figures suggest that the banks are in good thape. They are strongly capitalised and, on that basis, well placed to expand their

"But it is just at this point in the cycle that an over-expansion of lending can create problems for the future."

In a radical departure from its previously more behindthe scenes approach to regula-tion, the Bank says: "With a combination of optimism about the economic future and competitive pressure to maintain market share, rigorous credit assessment often takes second place. This leads to imprudent loans being booked

during the up-turn, so that subsequent problems are more severe than they need

Nor is the warning over what one senior Bank insider described as "often just plain stunid lending" decisions confined to big corporate loans.

warnings about over-zealous home loans market through schemes such as cash-backs and discounts and the desire of building societies converting to bank status to maintain market share at all costs. Kevin Ryan from the Bank's supervision and surveillance department, says: "It would be more direct supervisory concern if profitability pressure or a desire to maintain market share led to pressures on converting societies to re-

duce lending standards." In a separate speech in London yesterday, echoing the

over City behaviour, Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the SIB, criticised City bonuses, some of which top £1 million. He said: "In today's competitive markets the rewards for successful individuals are very colossal. We all know that the best staff can make millions of The review reiterates pounds for their employer, that some may be difficult to on any action by a line manager which could suggest a lack of trust in their abilities.

let alone their integrity. Sir Andrew added: "Issues do arise about the balance between paying stars competitively, in order to retain the best, on the one hand, and on other, the risk of incentivising such people to behaviour which is harmful and can lead to serious damage long-term, to the firm as a whole."

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Kenneth Clarke shows the colour of his money in the Radio 4 studios yesterday. The Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England later agreed a rise in base rates of one-quarter of a percentage point to 6 per cent

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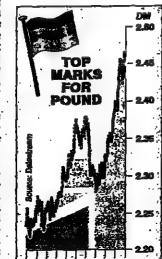
Energy rules

THE first round of a parliamentary inquiry into energy regulation, which could set a framework on which Labour's utility tax will be calculated, began yesterday with gas thrust into the spotlight. Page 26

Smoke signals

BAT INDUSTRIES, the tobacco and financial services group, yesterday dampened hopes of an imminent demerger of the two Page 27, Tempus 28

Sterling rises, shares fall



STERLING rose to a twoand a half year high yesterday after the unexpected decision by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to raise rates by a quarter point to 6 per

The pound's trade-weighted index closed up 1.1 at 90.2 after rising more than 2 cents against the dollar to \$1.6326 and from DM2.4315 to DM2.4607. But the FT-SE 100 fell back sharply on the news. dosing down 29.6 points at

the Chancellor's move, arguing it could prevent more damaging rises in future. Tim Fox, international economist at Standard Chartered, said:

Analysts broadly welcomed

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

By moving quickly now itlimits the damage we could expect if he waited." The ensus in the City is that the recent rise in sterling enables the Chancellor to avoid a further rate rise before the general election although some analysts believe it will prove insufficient to curb the

sumer boom. But Jonathon Loynes, UK economist at HSBC markets, gave a warning that further rate rises and a consequent further increase in the value of the pound could seriously damage industry.

That view was echoed by siness and union leaders, who gave a lukewarm reception to the rate increase. The

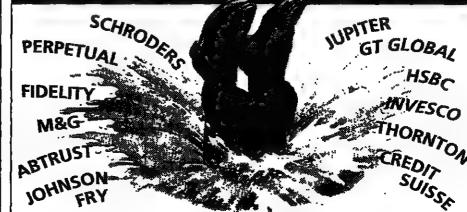
CBI and the British Chambers of Commerce said that the move was surprising, adding that investment plans and export competitiveness

Brian Prime, chairman of the national policy unit of the Federation of Small Businesses, said: "This could be the first step on the road to a series of increases which would adversely affect Britain's small firms' sectors." Money-market analysts.

however, predict that the pound's recent rise could con-

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P&O bears brunt of cartel's EU fine

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

P&O and four other cross-Channel ferry operators were fined a total of more than £500,000 by the European Commission yesterday for operating a price-fixing accord.

The Commission levied the largest

fine of £320,000 on P&O, as the instigator of a cartel that it found had colluded in November 1992 to soften the impact of the pound's devaluation by imposing a surcharge on freight. The arrangement, which operated for only two months, was deemed to breach article 85 of the Treaty of Rome. which covers the single market. Stana-Sealink, which was held to be a comstigator, was ordered to pay £80,000. The three other companies, Sea-France, Brittany Ferries and North Sea Ferries only played a minor role and were fined £48,000, £48,000 and

E20,000 respectively. Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said. The simultaneous application of the supdranges was only partly successful because of the reluctance of the clients to the measure and was of short duration. That is why the Commission decided to impose moderate penalties on the ferry companies, while establishing higher fines for P&O and Stena-Scalink as they initiated and organised the concertation by taking the contacts and developing the calculation scheme for

Separately, P&O reported better news on its short-sea Channel crossings, with 2.67 million passengers travelling on the Dover to Calais route, the one most severely hit by the coening of the Charmel Tunnel, in the three months to September, 6.8 per cent down on the same period last year. This compared with a 12.1 per cent fall between the three months to June and the equivalent period in 1995.

The number of tourist vehicles carried fell 9.5 per cent in the third quarter (11.2 per cent dip in the second quarter). The drop in freight traffic eased to 3.6 per cent (6.9 per cent).

Sainsbury brings forward reshuffle

By Sarah Cunningham

J SAINSBURY yesterday reported a sharp drop in interim profits and, in apparent acknowledgement of the depth of its problems, said that it would bring forward a reshuffle of top

Dino Adriano, head of Homebase, will replace Tom Vyner as head of supermarkets in March rather than at he end of next year. Mr Vyner will

remain deputy chairman, but will be in charge of international buying. David Sainsbury, chairman, said that the fast recruitment of a new head of Homebase would allow Mr Adriano to switch to supermarkets earlier than planned. He denied that institutional investors had put the company under any pressure to make management

In the six months ended September

21, Sainsbury's pre-tax profit was £387

million, compared with E451 million a

year ago. Earlier this year the com-pany disclosed its first fall in annual

profits in its 22 years as a public

company. Analysts yesterday reduced forecasts for the current year. NatWest Markets went from £725 million to E708 million while others dipped as low as £700 million. Sainsbury's is expected to earn less this year than Tesco, its arch rival. The operating margin shrank to 6.4

per cent, from 7.8 per cent a year ago, partly because of the cost of launching the Reward loyalty card and the petrol price war. Like-for-like stores sales growth, excluding petrol growth, was 27 per

cent in the first half and is now near 3 per cent, in line with inflation but well below the sector average. The Reward card is now being used by seven million customers. The proportion -86 per cent - is the same as that of Tesco shoppers who have a

Clubcard. The interior dividend is 3.5p

(3.4p), payable on January 15. Pennington, page 27 Diary, page 28

Gas regulation in spotlight at start of utilities inquiry

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE first round of a parliamentary inquiry into energy regulation, which could set a framework on which Labour's utility tax will be calculated. began yesterday with gas thrust into the spotlight.

By early next year, the allparty Trade and Industry Select Committee will draft a report that will assess the extent to which electricity and gas companies have been under-regulat-

ed or over-regulated.
Such conclusions -- the first from a public body - could provide a benchmark for a Labour government to draw up windfall taxes to serve on the utilities. Although City analysts have pinned various figures on the amount of windfall tax that utilities could sustain while still offering reasonable investment potential, the committee's report would offer independent analysis.

Over the next few weeks the committee will hear evidence from companies on how they have been regulated and question regulators on their performance.

British Gas yesterday called for an overhaul of regulation. With the company and Ofgas currently stuck at the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-

Top slot for Andersen

THE latest figures from Arthur Andersen show that it has, by a whisker, become the UK's biggest accountancy and professional services firm (Robert Bruce writes). Net revenues from the consulting, accounting and

marginally ahead of the

siness and law arms were £620.2 million, up 15 per cent on the year. This is last month by the previous biggest firm, Coopers &

Global figures also re-leased show that Andersen Worldwide has consolidated its place as the biggest firm in the world with a 17 per cent increase in fees taking global revenue to



Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar leaving jail yesterday

Ex-BCCI treasurer walks free from jail

By RICHARD FORD HOME CONDESPONDENT

THE architect of the biggest banking fraud in British criminal history walked free from Brixton prison yesterday after the collapse of moves to extradite him on blackmail charges. Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, former Treasurer of the Bank of Credit and Commercial International, was freed when US authorities decided not appeal against a High Court

order for his release. The bank was shut in July 1991 by worldwide regulatory action after investigators discovered a fraud of up to \$20

Mr Akbar, aged 52, from Golders Green, north London, said as he left jail: "I am very much glad, very much."
He declined to say whether

he would leave the UK. "For the time being. I don't know what I'm doing. At least for a couple of weeks, I will be spending time with my family, then I will decide what to do." Mr Akbar, who has served three years of a six-year sen-tence for false accounting criticised the Home Office over its handling of his extradition

He was arrested immediate ly he was released after serving the sentence for false account ing and spent 14 months in jail facing extradition to the US.

UK 'against linkage of jobs and trade'

BRITAIN will "vigorously resist" attempts by the US to link trade liberalisation to minimum world employment standards, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said yesterday. The UK strongly urged countries not to try to use the forthcoming ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation in Singapore to push their claim. The December meeting will be the first since the WTO was formed last user to replace the Central Agreement on Target. formed last year to replace the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade organisation (Gatt) after the successful completion

of the Uruguay trade round. Speaking to the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House, Mr Lang said: "Britain will vigorously resist this linkage, which will only serve to slow down trade liberalisation and could even make social problems in the countries concerned even worse." Britain wanted to see progress on trade standards, public procurement, tariffs, professional services and information technology.

Defeat for Berlusconi

DOCUMENTS seized by the Serious Fraud Office from a company associated with the business empire of Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian prime minister accused of involvement in a E51 million fraud, can be returned to Italy. the House of Lords ruled yesterday. The SFO seized the papers at the request of Italian authorities after executing a warrant under its Section 2 powers on the London offices of CMM Corporate Services, Peters & Peters, the law firm acting for the Italian media magnate, had challenged the seizure.

Emap acquires The Box

EMAP is paying \$12.5 million for The Box, a cable TV channel that is an interactive station which plays popular music videos requested by its audience. The channel, founded four years ago, is available to more than 1.3 million homes in the United Kingdom via cable networks and is expected to break even next year with a turnover of more than £2 million. This is the first television acquisition by Emap, which was part of a consortium that unsuccessfully bid for the ITV franchise for the Anglia region.

Pilat targets AIM

PILAT, which makes software used to process the results of school inspections, is joining the growing contingent of Israeli companies on the Alternative Investment Market. The company, which has been operating in the UK for 20 years, hopes to raise £3.5 million from the placing. While the UK makes up 65 per cent of its sales, it also runs subsidiaries in Hong Kong and Malaysia. The placing is sponsored by

Safeway Inc wants Vons

AMERICA'S Safeway Inc has offered to buy the rest of Vons Cos Inc. another supermarker operator, in a deal that values Vons at \$3.25 billion and will create the country's second-biggest grocery store chain. Safeway Inc., which is not related to the UK's Safeway, already owns 34.5 per cent of Vons. Safeway Inc is offering to exchange I.34 Safeway shares for each Vons share not owned by Safeway, valuing Vons at more than \$58 a share.

Accountancy change

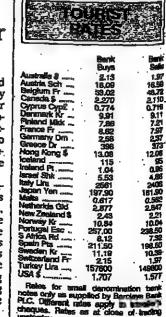
FINANCIAL reporting rules for cashflow statements have been revised in a bid to make them simpler. The Accounting Standards Board (ASB) has released a revised version of its FRS1 standard, which it said will allay companies' worries. Treasury activities will now be shown in a new "managemen of liquid resources" section of the statement, which Sir David Tweedie, ASB chairman, said would "be the first genuine cashflow statement in the world". Accountancy, page 32

Limelight sets price

LIMELIGHT, manufacturer and retailer of fitted kitchens. bathrooms, bedrooms and conservatories, has confirmed its offer price range at 175p to 190p, valuing the company at between £175 million and £190 million. The intermediaries offer closes on November 13and dealings start on November 15. Pro forma earnings per share of 10.6p for the year to December 31 give a price/earnings multiple of 16.5 to 17.9 times. The notional net dividend per ordinary share is 4.7p.

Xenova puts out pathfinder prospectus

Xenova Group, the UK-based biopharmaceutical company that is developing anti-cancer and heart disease drugs, published its pathfinder prospec-tus yesterday as it seeks to raise £25 million from a placing and full listing on the London Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq-quoted company, which develops drugs from natural micro-organisms said its first product could be ready for market by 2000. The XRS000 anti-cancer drug is expected to enter clinical trials early next year. Terms of the placing, sponsored by Greig Middleton, and final listing details will be published in the second half of next month.



THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS (NOTIFICATION) **REGULATIONS 1996**

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The United Kingdom is required to make declarations, in relation to certain chemicals and chemical production facilities, to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW),

To enable the United Kingdom to meet fully its obligations to submit accurate information to the OPCW, the Secretary of State has made the above Regulations. These require that those persons, compan organisations specified in the Regulations provide the Secretary of State on or before 15 January each year with full details of their name, their address (or in the case of a company the address of its principal or registered office) and the address of each plant site it operates. The above notification details must be in writing and

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TransCo, Richard Giordano,

chairman, told MPs: "Reform

that tempers regulatory dis-

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able intervention would benefit all stakeholders in

British Gas said that key

weaknesses of the regulatory

system were the amount of

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☐ The National Consumers

Council yesterday urged a halt

to the second phase of the

introduction of competition in

domestic gas, only a day after

the regulator announced two

dates to enable one-and-a-half

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The council said that the new trials to begin next year in

the South East should not go

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BAT INDUSTRIES

£2 billion profit at nine months

Nine months unaudited results to 30 September 1996

PRE-TAX PROFIT

£2,039m

EARNINGS PER SHARE

39.9p

- Pre-tax profit up 9% against last year's record nine months, with good progress: from both the Group's businesses.
- Financial services profit up 3% at £846 million; sustained improvement in life business and continuing growth at Farmers.
- Tobacco profit up 7% to £1,265 million; volumes up 3% with strong sales growth in the Asia Pacific and Amesca regions.
- "The good progress in both the Group's businesses is being maintained but headlines have, once again, been dominated by US tobacco litigation.

After a full review of millions of pages of technical work and scientific research conducted by or for British-American Tobacco Company and Brown & Williamson, I would like to reassure shareholders that there has never been any concealment from the public of any conclusion establishing that smoking causes diseases. Indeed, the companies continue to support independent research without any restriction on publication."

Lord Cairns, Chairman

The full quarterly report is being posted to shareholders and copies are available from the Company Secretary, B.A.T Industries p.l.c., Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H ONL

☐ Dangers of strong sterling ☐ Dull outlook for Sainsbury ☐ Bank's warning, in a rougher form

Currencies beyond our Ken

HE DOES like his surprises, doesn't he, our Ken? Perhaps the City should have been better prepared for yesterdays interest rate rise, which might have pre-vented some of the minetessary. blind penic on the equity and currency markets.

Analysts, with the benefit of

Analysis, with the benefit of hindsight, which is how most of them like to operate were able to interpret the rate rise as a typically campy political move ahead of the Budget, heading off pressure from the City and Eddie George at the Bank for a rise but leaving himself room to add a tax cut sweetener. Economically the case is less clear-cut, and that was reflected by the mixed reception. Mr Clarke's move received in the

quarter point increase — es concern that the strong pound, pecially when the mortgage lend although good for raw material ers did not move too — will do prices and an inflation, will little to apply the brakes to damage their members competcusive such prices and an inflation, will little to apply the brakes to damage their members competcusive such prices and an inflation, will little to apply the brakes to damage their members competcusive such their side purpose. Thoughe has always arisen movement in rates, in 1904 05, it when the economic cycle and the took 15 per cent to furn the political cycle become unspending tide, rather undermined the political cycle become unspending tide, rather undermined to coupled, making politicians do silly things in economic terms for post cent rise will do the trick.

The danger is stering. That expectation of further rises is cycle has become uncoupled going to underpin the pound's from currency markets, which recent advances. Sterling has now are reacting to other influences.

risen 6.5 per cent since August, equivalent to a 1.5 per cent rise in

base rates, according to the Treasury's rule of thumb. Curmoving out of marks because of progress towards economic and monetary union. They are worried the almighty mark will be hit if too many weak economies such as Spain, Italy and Portugal are shoehomed into EMU.

Older readers may have diffi-culty comprehending a flight from the mark to the pound as a safe haven currency, but that is City and industry. the reality in Europe today. It The inflation hawks who well keaves business organisations comed the rise also believe that a such as the CBI expressing quarter point increase — es concern that the strong pound,

Mr Clarke's strategy could then end up creating the worst of both

worlds - insufficient to rein back the consumer boom but too harsh for the fragile manufacturing sector. Bung in a tax cut and you are beginning to have the makings of a an Eightiesstyle two-tier economy.

For now, yesterday's fall in stock markets, pushing the FT-SE 100 firmly below the 4,000 barrier again, looks overdone, because the factors that sent the FT-SE above that level are not going to be affected by a quarter point on interest rates. But do watch those currency markets. A pound stranded well above DM2.50 will bring its own

Spice missing from store ingredients

Off IS always sad when the best news in a company's figures is the departure of one of the senior executives. Tom Vyner, deputy chairman of J Sainsbury and head of the supermarkets business itself, is being replaced early by Dino Adriano. Hardly iresh blood, though, as the new man has spent almost all his



working life at Sainsbury. The decline in recent years of what was once the middle class's preferred delicatessen has been startling. In public perception and in actual quality, there is now little to choose between Sainsbury, Teson, the market leader, and Safeway or Asda, certainly in the case of payaged. certainly in the case of new and

purpose-built stores. There is no pressing reason for the shopper to walk past one to get to another.

At Sainsbury, like-for-like sales show growth keeping pace with inflation at 3 per cent. But this does not the interest this does not take into account store extensions, and so, in reality, sales volumes are dropping. In six months' time the picture will be worse. The only good news in the second half will

better margins on petrol, for example. Worst of all, the parvenu Tesco is expected to bring in a pre-tax profit for the year of up to £760 million, topping Sains-bury for the first time. After a wholesale downgrading yester-day, the latter is seen as produc-

ing a figure nearer £700 million. Hard to imagine even a couple of years ago that Tesco would overtake Sainsbury not only in market share, but also in market capitalisation and then, finally and humiliatingly, in profits? These forecasts put Tesco and Sainsbury on the same market rating, at a price earnings ratio of about 14. Part of the decline has come from the delay in introducing a Sainsbury loyalty card - once these become standard across the sector, they are nothing more than deferred price cuts all around.

David Sainsbury spoke yes-terday of the advantages in the US and opportunities in banking. What he did not offer was any suggestion as to how Sainsbury is going to recover that once unassailable position, or even stop its slide. He spoke of providing a platform for "a solidly based recovery". One must wonder whether even he now believes his own words.

Prudence as things go in cycles

THE new instrument forged by the Bank of England and the Securities and Investments Board to put their views over to the financial markets is a subtle one. The Financial Stability Review is full of worthy pieces about international regulatory cooperation and sovereign risk. but the section that will most reward reading is helpfully po-sitioned at the front of the book.

Somebody or something called Prudence muses in honeyed, bankerish tones about the various issues of the day. All anonymous, but one does detect the influence of Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank and a man who relaxes by turning out the odd sentence or two for the quality press. One wonders how Eddie George, with his reputation for blunt-ness, would have phrased it.

Strangely enough, Mr George wrote an alternative draft, which was suppressed. Even stranger, a copy arrived here yesterday:

"We have just seen the half-

way results from you banks, and surprise, surprise, even you can make a mint in this market. But what if and when it all turns sour again? All those spotty 23-year-olds shovelling the cash out to all comers, they wouldn't know a bad credit risk from their elbows.

"Could you get your more experienced bankers — those who were out of short trousers by Big Bang, you must have a few still around — to remind said 23year-olds that Things Go in Cycles and you don't have to lend to anyone who walks in the door. Meanwhile, set aside a few bob for a rainy day while you can. "Will this do? I could make it longer if you want."

One way trip?

☐ THE dispute between Whitbread and David Lloyd has been so bitter and so public that the brewer must regard Austra-lia as about far enough away. Whitbread's generosity in fund-ing the £20 million man's new venture there is less easy to understand - unless the deal, like some earlier relocations to Botany Bay, includes a clause forbidding him from ever returning to these shores.

BAT dents hopes of imminent demerger

BY MARIANNE CURPRIEY

BAT INDUSTRIES, the tobacco and financial services group, yesterday dampened executive said that a strategic sion for environmental claims review had shown such a in the United States. This

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Mr Broughton sald the company, was not obsessed by retaining the current strucbe shown to improve cashilow. then he would consider it.

BAT's share price, which has fallen from a high of around 500p at the end of hast year, slipped 9p further in alternoon trading to 427p after the company reported its pre-tax profits for the first nine months of the year. The performance of the shares has been but by concerns lover litigation in the United States against BAT and

other companies. Lord Cairns, chairman, insisted the company had never kept from the public "any conclusion establishing that smoking causes diseases". Reporting a 9 per cent rise in



Broughton: unconvinced,

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pre-tax profits to £2.04 billion (1995: £1.87 million), Mr Broughton revealed that Esgle Star, part of the company's financial services division, had made a £91 million provi-

David Alivey, group finance director, said the number of claims had been unexpectedly high, although most were for small amounts

The total trading profit for financial services rose 3 per cent to £846 million. Eagle Star's worldwide un-

derwriting loss deteriorated to £108 million, from £38 million for the same period last year. Ragle Star's profit for the nine months was £32 million lower at £162 million. In the general business mar-

kets remained competitive and worldwide gross premium fell 12 per cent to £1.5 billion. In the UK, personal lines premium income was 23 per cent lower, partly because of the loss of the Motability motor business. In the life business. worldwide gross premium in-come including unit trusts rose to £733 million.

in the tobacco division, total tracting profits rose 7 per cent to £1.3 billion. Overall cigarette volumes were up 3 per cent, with strong sales in the Asia Pacific, Africa, the Middle East, and southern and central Asia However, the company said cigarette sales in Europe had been disappointing and sales in the US had been static.

Earnings per share rose 9 per cent to 39.9p.



Haynes Publishing, well-known for its car repair manuals, is moving up from the USM to a full listing. John Haynes, right, chairman and founder, and Max Pearce, the chief executive, celebrated record profits of £5.5 million last year

Changes at **Deutsche** Bank to mend image

By ROBERT MILLER

DEUTSCHE BANK, Germany's largest bank and the owner of Morgan Grenfell, has strengthened its main board with the appointment of a top European banker to head its market risks and

treasury division.
Josef Ackermann, 48, formerly president of the executive board of Credit Suisse, has joined the Deutsche board of managing directors. Hilmar Kopper, 61, will leave the main group board next May to join its supervisory board, together with Ulrich Cartellieri, 59. Ellen Schneider-Lenne, 54, is leav-

health. The recent problems at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the bank's investment arm, over alleged irregularities with three of its European unit trusts, has clouded the fact that the parent company has suffered its fair share of embarrassment. The bank has suffered heavy losses and adverse publicity over Metaligesellschaft, the metals group, and Jurgen Schneider,

the property tycoon.

The main board changes yesterday, with Mr Kopper moving upstairs and the recruitment of the highly re-spected Dr Ackermann, are clear signals to shareholders, the market and analysts that Deutsche intends to restore its international standing.

LVMH takeover of luxury goods group contested

LVMH, the French luxury goods company, has made a bold move into retailing by spending Fri2.6 billion for a controlling stake in DFS Group, an American business known for selling expensive perfumes and jewellery in airports and hotel lobbies.
However, the deal is being

opposed by Robert Miller, who founded DFS along with Charles Feeney in 1961. Mr Miller, a billionaire, still has a 38.75 per cent stake in DFS.

According to The New York Times, Mr Miller has filed a petition in the New York County Supreme Court for a to block the sale. He claims it violated an agreement the partners signed in 1991.

DPS, a private compar employs 9,500 staff worldwide and has annual sales of more than \$3 billion. It prides itself on 20 years of retail experience in Asia, trading from 180 boutiques, many around the Pacific Rim. About 10 per cent of its sales comes from LVMH

Parker, DFS's tax lawyer, are believed to be among the DFS shareholders who have agreed to sell a 58.75 per cent stake in the company to LVMH.

Myron Ullman, chairman and chief executive officer of DFS, said: "After 35 years, it is understandable that some of DFS's owners have different priorities and interests that have prompted them to explore new opportunities."

LVMH said that it into

to retain DFS's autonomous status and management team. The acquisition would "intensify LVMH's presence in the Asia-Pacific region and emerging markets, a key area for future growth", the group

Break point for David Lloyd

BY ALASDAM MURRAY

WHITEREAD has revealed that David Lloyd is stepping down as non-executive chairman of David Lloyd Leisure, ending the often acrimonious relationship between the brewing company and the former terms star since Whitbread paid £200 million to take over the termis and fitness chain last year (see Pennington, Mr Lloyd, who made a personal profit

of £20 million from the Whitbread sale, yesterday said he had decided to leave the

company because he wanted to spend more time pursuing other business interests. He is close to starting two new David Lloyd clubs in Australia and is also keen on opening up in China. Whitbread has said that it is considering investing in the Australian sites.

Mr Lloyd remained on the board of David Lloyd Leisure as executive chairman after the takeover last year. But he is understood to have been unhappy with the style of management that Whitbread introduced to the organisation and felt he was being increasingly sidelined by the

Whithread executive team, in July it was agreed that Mr Lloyd would step down from an executive position but would continue in a consultative role as non-

executive chairman of the company. It is understood that Mr Lloyd, who was on a three-year rolling contract worth £200,000 a year, will not be paid compensation. Mr Lloyd is believed to be keen to increase his involvement with Britain's Davies Cup tennis team and recently became a non-executive director of Clubhaus, the golf club operator, investing £100,000 in the company.

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Shares stay below 4,000 as rate rise takes its toll

years caught the Square Mile on the hop and left both share prices nursing some hefty falls.

The quarter-point increase to 6 per cent was announced after the monthly economic Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England.

The news succeeded in scuppering an early attempt by the FT-SE 100 index to recover the high ground back above the 4,000 level which it relinquished on Tuesday. The index saw an early Wall Street inspired 17-point lead replaced with a fall of 35 points. But another positive start by the Dow Jones enabled the FT-SE 100 to close just off the bottom last night, finishing 29.6 down

The speed with which market-makers reacted to news of the cut prevented institutional investors unloading stock, so selling pressure proved minimal. By the close 721 million

shares had been traded. Richard Jeffrey, economist at Charterhouse, saw it as a positive move to counter inflationary pressures already building up in the economy. "Gilts will set the path equities are likely to follow. The gilt market certainly remains anxious about the outlook for inflation", he said.

Double-figure falls were commonpiace among blue chips. Zeneca fell 1512p to £16.96, Glaxo 1412p to 956p, Reed International 1212p to Ell_521ap, and ICI 101ap to 793p. Consumer related issues also took a hit with Boots off 12p at 61612p. Next 1112p at 563p. EMI 10p at £12.16, Reckitt & Colman 16p at 70612p and Unilever 10p at E12.8812

Grand Metropolitan was a dull market, losing 312p at 46612p on claims it is ready to pay £1 billion-plus for the Dutch group Koninklijke

marked lower amid fears that dearer money could damage the revival in consumer confi dence, Marks & Spencer fell 8p to 514p, Dixons 312p to 55112p, Fine Art Develop-7p to 46612p, and Thorn 612p to 35112p.

The speculators appear to be getting their wires crossed at Vodafone, where the price touched 245p before settling just 212p better at at 236p.

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An upbeat David Sainbsury saw the chain's shares rise 8'2p

Early talk in the Square Mile suggested that American Telephone & Telegraph, the US telecoms group, wanted to bid for the company. Much of the activity in the shares appears to have been conducted on the traded options market where one investor gave heavily for the call. At these levels Vodafone carries a price tag of [7.1 billion, but has seen its

Like-for-like sales kept pace with inflation in the first six bled from £456 million to £393 million. The group was upbeat about current trading and David Sainsbury, chairman, is looking forward to a busy run-up to Christmas with its loyalty and credit cards used by seven million customers. Margins in the supermarkets

were stable and improving in

petrol retailing. Sainsbury rose 812p to 36312p. Else-

where, Tesco rose 212p to

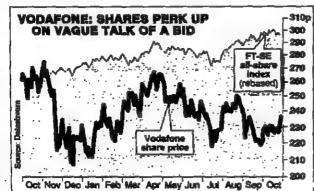
US over cancer-related dis-

Dieter Bock's sale of his 18 per cent Lonrho stake to Angio American does not appear to have gone down well with City speculators. It seems they would have prefered a much tidler solution, such as a full bid. Lonrho slipped 13p to 15012p. against the 180p a share Bock is expected to sell his stake for.

share price slip amid signs that the growth in the mobile telephone market was starting to slow. Brokers do not rule out the possibility of a joint

Britain's biggest food retailer.

326p, and William Morrison Supermarkets 312p to 160p. tween Vodafone and AT&T. BAT Industries fell 9p to The City gave a cautious welcome to half-year figures 427p and now stands 5p above the low for the year as thirdfrom J Sainsbury as it threw down the gauntlet in an atquarter figures succeeded in highlighting the continuing tempt to win back its role as problems of litigation in the



production disruption will hold back profits at the construction group this year. Brokers had been looking for a final figure of between £7.5 million and E8 million, but are now expected to downgrade

current year.

Yesterday's falls will not provide the best backdrop for this morning's public debut of Jardinerie Interiors, which supplies tropical plants to corporate clients. Even so, the issue looks to have the support of the institutions and is expected to open at a 15p premium to 114p placing price. Brokers say the shares are

In futures the December series of the long gilt was £316 lower at £1091732 in heavy trading that sew a total of 131,000 contracts completed. Around 20,000 contracts,

□ NEW YORK: On Wall Street a bond market weakby profit-takers restrained advances in shares and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 10.06 points ahead at 6,017.08.

were in line with expectations. A complete demerger remains an option.

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A profits warning left Wellman nursing a fall of 1312p at 3512p. Brokers who follow the company, such as Peel Hunt, have slashed their forecast from £11.5 million to

Havelock Europa was also hit by a profits warning, leaving the shares 8412p down at 283p. Sizeable costs and

Details of a major restruc-turing of its network of dealerships also took its toll of Evans Halshaw, the vehicle distributor, with the price finishing 512p easier at 24812p. Brokers are expected to downgrade their profit estimates for the

worth buying up to 186p.

GILT-EDGED: The quar-

ter-point rise in rates surprised the market. Early gains were given up as the yield curve flattened, with issues at the short end of the market suffering falls of around E34. Prices at the longer end were less affected and closed either unchanged or a couple of ticks firmer. Index-linked issues also came under selling

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MAJOR INDICES New York (midday): Fears not to be sniffed at Hong Kong

YOU need a thick skin to survive as a BAT shareholder. Fans are prepared to take a philosophical view of the interminable tobacco litigation which has yet to cost the company a penny in claims. But yesterday's bad news had a more direct impact on their pockets: a E360 million provision for environmental damage claims in the United States, including a £91 million provision for Eagle Star. Worse still. BAT was unable to say whether or not

the sudden surge in claims will continue. The claims have a nasty ring to them asbestos and pollution liability arising from business written in the 1960s through to the 1980s — and the provision dragged down Eagle Star's trading profit, leading to disappointing results from financial services. A word like asbestos will hang over the share price until the total cost can be clarified.

Eagle Star already faces fierce competition in the general insurance market, and hopes of a rise in motor and household premiums have failed to materialise. Elsewhere, financial services performed well. Farmers, the US subsidiary, increased its trading profit, and Allied Dumbar wrote more life and invest-

ment business. BAT is still pushing tobacco hard in the Third World and it is hard to argue that the scope for growth is impressive, but yesterday's results were mixed. European sales, particularly Romania and Russia, were

disappointing, and the US was static.
Litigation lears have flattened BAT shares
and the uncertainty could continue until 1998. BAT may win the Carter case on appeal, but it needs more than the absence of bad news if it is to attract buyers.

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Cowie is running buses and

Lex is into forklifts, What

motor dealers need is a

source of profit growth

Evans Halshaw

AFTER years on the road, the wheels are beginning to wobble on the motor dealer industry's ageing banger. Rather than Tulk an accident. it has pulled into a lay-by to take stock of the situation. Too much weight on the axles seems to be the conclusion. Both Lex Service and Evans Halshaw have decided to jettison the no-hopers from their collection of

dealerships.

The spur to action by motor dealers is said to be new rules by their masters, the car manufacturers, who want fewer dealers and larger territories. That would permit firms like Evens to operate in an area from a number of large sites with satellite shops; hence the scope for lower costs. Evans sees the £11 million restructuring generating an addi-

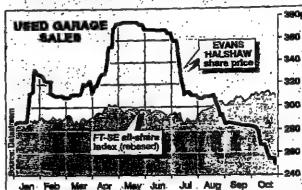
better retailing idea - cataers went mad in the 1980s logue sales for example and more recently, building which would remove the cost up capacity, but the public are behaving badly — they want both supermarket of showrooms. Sadly, none is forthcoming and the indus-try will probably repair the prices and individual serold banger and drive on.

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to revive the industry. Deal-

Clearly that is not enough



British Gas

WITH British Gas bleating to the Select Committee on Trade and Industry about that horrid regulator, it is easy to forget about British Gas Energy. If the company's demerger plans are to be believed, investors will eventually have a share in a business supplying gas to you and me and one that is: not regulated by Clare

Spottiswoode or anyone else. No one has a clue what British Gas Energy is worth. The recent free market gas trials in the South West suggested the outlook was not so d. Only 70.000 labout it cent) of customers switched to competitors. Of course, the whole thing was a bit of a free regional electricity company pulling in its horns after being reprimanded. Further trials next year in the South East could be more damaging: consumerism tends to increase in urban areas, the marketing should be more

sophisticated and there will be more players. Still, British Gas Energy is

interesting because it is seen as a busted flush. It seeds to sort out its take-or-pay contracts and will have to trade its assets for lower-priced gas. from Shell and BP. While British Gas Energy has cus-tomers (still) Shell and BP have cheap gas and there is the making of a deal. Of course, British Gas will be reluctant to sell its consumer business to Shell or BP until it knows what it is worth. Hence, the demerger. But a company with its back to the wall might eccept an off

Betterware

ANDREW COHEN, Better ware's boss, still struggles to convince the doubters about his door-to-door houseware operation. It was he, after all, who contributed to the downward spiral of the company's share price, in 1993, not long after indicating his money

the family sold a sizeable holding. Add to that growing unease about the sustainshilling of its growth and concerns, about over-expansion, it was alarm bells rather than

door bells that were ringing. Now, with the restructured company trading satisfactorily. Mir Cohen can safely argue that the worst is long behind him. In the mature UK market, sales are holding up well. Overseas, high cost expansion has been replaced by a more conservative approach, principally through loint ventures where it can exploit the experience of com-

That said, investors don't need an elephantine memory about the stock. The cautious will want for stronger evidence of the overseas potential before committing themselves. Those who got burnt first time round may want longer still

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Robinson ad lib takes AIM

GEOFFREY ROBINSON was in fine fettle on Tuesday night, entertaining guests at the inaugural awards dinner of the Alternative Investment

Fired by his confit of onion, the Labour MP for Coventry North West, and founder of TransTec, the engineering group, took to the stage like a man who had made the most of his meal. Casting aside his prepared notes, on public sector borrowing and tax, Robinson ad libbed, stumbling across the stage at the same time. Anyone who had looked forward to a rousing speech on Labour and the City might well have been a little disappointed. Rob-inson made his exit, eventually, and headed for the House of Commons to vote on the Queen's

Bank's Prudence

EVER wanted to know who holds sway at the Bank of England? Then dip into Financial Stability, the first edition of the Bank's new magazine, written in association with the Securities and Investments Board. The guts of the publication, that appear opposite a piece by, and photograph of Howard Davies, is cryptically signed "Prudence". The somewhat prim sounding from the Deputy Governor's wife — Pru Keely, a freelance producer for Channel 4 news and mother of their two young sons.



"Now we shall all have to increase our fares to pay our fines"

Vyner casts off SO. TOM VYNER Is to

move aside as head of the J Sainsbury supermarket business in March, making way for Dino Adriano. At the age of ol, he will fully retire from the business at the end of 1997. Vyner explains that he stayed on at the request of David Sainsbury, chairman and chief executive. having originally planned to retire at 58. Once he is finally released from his duties at Sainsbury's, his intention is to head for Majorca, where a boat has been moored for the past 18 months, patiently awaiting his arrival ...

Musical note

ANALYSTS waltzed into BAT's meeting yesterday to the sound of Verdi's La Traviata (Act 2, Scene 2). The "jolly" piece was cho-sen by Michael Prideaux. opera buff and director of group affairs at the tobacco company, who tells me that he was inspired by a recent production.

Prideaux also lets slip that BAT sponsored a production of the opus at Glyndebourne in 1987. At BAT's results day, which normally falls on national Non-Smoking Day, a piece from Carmen is usually selected.

What cut?

TOO quick for its own good, the British Chamber of Commerce whipped off a press release yesterday — Chambers Express Surprise at Rafe Cut". According to the poor stooge left to take the flak it does contain a slight mistake and, yes, we are very cmbarrassed.**

opening Budget punches. In the blue-corner, the real Chancellor has prepared financial markets for tax cuts. By allowing steady Eddie his symbolic quarterpoint base rate rise, canny Ken told the world he was not going to put anti-inflation disciplines on hold just because of an

election - whatever is actually the case. By winding monetary policy one notch tighter, the Chancellor also seemed to leave room for a laxer vote-winning fiscal policy. Before the rate rise, the National Institute somewhat cynically reckoned that he should increase taxes by about £3 billion a year but would probably cut them by £4 billion.

Given the usual raid on the contingency reserve and some extra asset sales, that might be possible. But Mr Clarke could not go further in his Budget judgment. He could not honourably forecast a Budget deficit that barely scraped through the Maastricht test. Regardless of the UK's attitude to a European currency, extra government bor-rowing should be nowhere near 3 per cent of national income after six straight years of

That Budget judgment is, thankfully, not the beginning and end of Budget-making. There is endless scope for a creative Chancellor to arrange the tax burden better. That means he can also offer far more popular measures than the net change in taxes might suggest. The Treasury has already stopped up special dividend and share buyback loopholes that it modestly reckons to be worth £400 million a year. Tax

ven by the standards of the ever-turbulent computer industry, this week is seeing

something unusual. The end-less skirmishing between rival

companies is turning uglier

and more urgent. It's war, and

a spate of announcements over

the past few days show how

the battle lines have been

At stake is the future shape of the industry: what kind of computer you have at home

and in the office next year,

what tasks it will be able to do

and, crucially, what it will cost. On the outcome may hang the futures of multi-

billion dollar, world-class

companies such as Microsoft,

Intel and IBM - not to men-

tion the personal fortunes of

many of the computer indus-

On one side stand Microsoft and Intel, the two collossi that

together almost invented the

personal computer. On the ther is a formidable array of

rivals, including IBM, Apple Computer, Oracle Corp (the

second largest software group after Microsoft) and Sun

Microsystems, that want to overthrow the PC and replace it

with a simpler and far cheaper

machine with the generic name

The NC is a stripped-down

PC with no hard drive and

does not use Microsoft softwere. It connects easily to the

Internet or an internal corporate network and handles the

most popular functions, such

as word processing and finan-

cial spreadsheets. It is much

simpler to use because it does

not answer your phone, play

3D computer games or take dictation like ordinary PCs

and does not go wrong so often. It also costs about \$500,

about a quarter of the price of

On Tuesday, Sun Micro-systems, led by Scott McNeally, its chief executive,

announced its version of the

NC, the Java Station. On the

same day, IBM began taking

orders for its NC, and Oracle is also announcing a similar product. On Monday, Oracle and Netscape, the upstart

software company that domi-

nates internet programs, an-nounced an alliance in which

they will pool resources to provide software for NCs. All

of these companies have al-

standards for their machines.

Meanwhile, Microsoft and

Intel are hitting back, with an

announcement made on Mon-

day of plans for a Simply

Interactive PC (SIPC), which is the old style of personal com-puter that has, in theory, been

made as easy to use as your-

stereo system. By streamlining the old PC, Microsoft and Intel

are hoping to preserve its

popularity against the new-

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of Network Computer (NC).

try's most powerful moguls.

Taxing but painless ways to cut the social security bill

relief on profit-related pay, now thought to be running at £1.5 billion a year, should be in its sights. PRP was a good idea at the time, but was constructed to encourage its use as a loophole to save tax on existing pay rather than merely making pay rises conditional on company performance. Tax advisers duly obliged. The scheme is now

ripe to be wound up as gently as possible.

From the red corner, challenger Gordon Brown has tiresomely preempted the Chancellor by putting forward a use for £450 million of this extra tax revenue that is as fiscally sensible as it is politically embar-rassing. He has pledged to cut VAT on domestic fuel back from 8 per cent, where it was stranded by a government defeat in the Commons, to 5 per cent, which is the least that the European Union's VAT harmonisation rules would now permit.

The genuine benefit of such a move is that it would actually help to cut government spending and start a virtuous fiscal circle of lower taxes and spending. Levying VAT on domestic fuel was, on that test, one of the worst tax decisions in living memory. For every £3 it raised, the Government has had to spend almost £1 extra to compensate for the ensuing price rises. This was a peculiar.



case, because the tax fell most heavily on the spending of poorer pensioners. So Tory backbenchers rightly insisted that they should be given peculiar compensation above the rise in the retail price index.

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More generally, taxes that raise the price of goods in the RPI basket pump up public spending because most social security benefits are linked to the RPI and are automatically uprated in line with prices to maintain minimum living standards. On average, to raise ES in extra tax on everyday goods, the government has to spend £1 or

spending, and it is the burgeoning, least controlled third. By boosting welfare spending, switches from direct to indirect taxes since 1979 have increased the total tax burden by up to 2 per cent of national income. That is a lot of tax. If the Chancellor could give it all back next month, we would put flags out all over Britain. But many would soon furl them again if he raised direct taxes heavily in the process, even though total taxes would be much lower. Reform must be more subtle.

Income taxes, if badly structured, can have as malign an effect on public spending as extra taxes on household spending. They not only can, they do. The tax threshold is so low that millions of poor people are, in effect, being paid benefits to make good their income tax deductions. Low-income families with a single earner are most affected because the social security system rightly allows for family circumstance. The income tax system, wrongly, does not.

Nonsensical tax policies have been ratcheting public spending ever higher for decades. The feedback between taxes and spending has been ignored because classical

included in their all-singing, all-dancing PCs. Modern desktops, in spite of their

massive computing power, are

often slower than they were a

few years ago because of the

huge, expensive and unneces-

sary volume of software pack-

NCs will also be a boon to

most businesses, Mr Ellison

says. Many businesses are

growing disillusioned with the

high cost of maintaining PCs. A \$2,000 PC, for instance, can

cost a corporation anywhere

from \$6,000 to \$12,000 a year

to run. By contrast, NCs, which get their software from

the internet or a company's

internal "Intranet" run from a

mainframe, or server, cost a

fraction of that amount to

maintain. A number of large

US companies have recently

announced that they are

junking their over-expensive PCs and switching to a net-

If NCs replace PCs, as Mr

Ellison thinks that they will,

the industry giants' lifeblood

may be abruptly cut off. On the hardware side, Intel makes 90 per cent of its

microprocessors from PCs. Its

profitability depends on pro-

ducing ever laster chips, which it does with brilliant

efficiency, and selling them on

A 75 MegaHertz chip sells for about \$60, and a 200mghtz chip (at the top end for speed) sells for \$500, but their produc-

tion costs are almost the same. NCs, however, need only the

slower, less expensive chips -

one reason they are cheaper to

buy. If they start replacing PCs, Intel will have to sell more

lower-margin chips, which would have a devastating effect

cent of all PCs sold. However.

NCs do not contain any soft-

ware themselves since they simply download it as they

need it from whatever network

to which they are connected. If

they replaced PCs, sales of

Windows 95 and most of

Microsoft's other programs

Moreover, Microsoft does not control the standard soft-

ware of the Internet in the way

that it controls PC software.

Instead, Sun's new computer

language, Java, is being touted

by many companies as the

Internet standard and the one

William Milton, computer

industry analyst with Brown

Brothers Harriman, said:

We're on the cusp of a major

change in computers. We may

be at the peak of the PC's

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rests on its PC software, which runs on 90 per

on its profits.

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it. Since it is not obligatory to have a social security backstop (unless you live in a democracy), the theory does not need to accommodate it. Even the Institute for Fiscal Studies, usually pragmatic as well as objective, reckons that the impact of taxes on poor people is more efficiently dealt with through the welfare system.

Ratcheting up the tax burden through needless extra spending is not efficient. It damages the economy. Redesigning the tax system to reverse this trend should be the top fiscal priority when most agree that the tax burden is too high for the economy's comfort. The trouble is that popular taxes or taxes that do not distort markets are equally rare. Loophole-filling aside, it is not politically easy to shift the tax burden advanta-geously. But it is possible.

The Chancellor has made some welljudged moves in this direction. Taxes on landfill or air travel are either avoidable or have little impact on the RPI. Stamp duties, another great tax on these tests, could usefully be extended to credit card transactions and much else. The ceiling for employees' National Insurance contributions could be raised. Proceeds of such imposts should be used to stop those requiring benefits from paying income tax and to make sure Budgets cut the RPI, not raise it.

The prize is worth it. If every tax and every tax proposal were vented for its impact on public spending, you could actually believe a politician who promised to cut the tax burden without any impact on the public services, the welfare net and the income transfers we pay our taxes to finance.

Computer wars get personal with plans to shut Gates out

Richard Thomson looks at the fierce challenge to

Microsoft from the new Network Computer



Bill Gates, the software giant, faces new computers that sidestep his Microsoft programs

style network computers. Heavyweight manufacturers such as Compaq and Hewlett Packard have pitched their tents in the Microsoft camp.

And this time, the battle is personal. Larry Ellison, the aggressive multibillionaire founder of Oracle, has stated publicly that he is out to get Bill 'Gates, multibillionaire

founder of Microsoft. "Maybe

I should fire a few Mayerick missiles into his living room," said Mr Ellison, who is currently negotiating to buy a redundant MiG fighter plane from the Russians as his latest executive toy. Mr Ellison aims to break Mr Gates's stranglehold on the PC market by destroying the PC market itself. Mr Ellison is driven by a vision. Only 30 per cent of US

households and 10 per cent of European and Japanese families own a PC, compared with 90 per cent ownership of telephones and televisions. He believes that computers should have 90 per cent penetration. but that this can be achieved only if computers become easier to use, and far cheaper. Most people, he insists, use only a fraction of the facilities

dominance right now, before a decline." However, the contest is only just beginning. The personal computer market this year has been soft, with sales growth slumping to about 17 per cent. from more than 25 per cent last year. The Christmas sales period, traditionally the strongest time for retail computer sales, may be crucial to the way that the industry develops next. If sales do not pick up, Mr Ellison and his troops will claim that the PC has fallen out of favour and that the public is ready for something His claim that more net-

work computers than PCs will be sold by the year 2000 sounds somewhat far-fetched now, but things tend to change with hewildering speed in the computer world. Before buying the latest, super-fast PC, it may be worth waiting a little to see how the war develops.

Aiming to end Fawlty image of tourism

Surly, arrogant, and thrashing cars with a tree branch, Basil Fawity is still the image that defines the hotel trade in Britain and the UK tourism industry generally — poor service, high prices, low quality, and a low-paid, low-

class area of life and work. Ministers and tourism leaders joined together in a fresh initiative yesterday aimed at dispelling the

Fawity image.
Virginia Bottomley, Heritage Secretary, Sir Terence
Conran, the restaurateur, and tourism industry chiefs spelt out their vision for the future - one a world away from Fawlty Towers.

Mrs Bottomley said tourism and hospitality were great wealth creators that would help to generate about a million new jobs in the next ien years.

For some, the idea of a Britain whose employment base is not ICI or GEC, or Sony or Nissan, but instead McDonald's or even Marks & Spencer is a near-nightmare vision. But ministers and tourism leaders were keen yesterday to emphasise that such service sector jobs are not all low skilled. They can and do offer rewards. satisfaction and careers.

Even companies attacked as high turnover and low valueadded concerns see training as important. Training is the key to future profitability and development." said Mike Matthews, a senior executive at

McDonald's. In a study published by her department yesterday Mrs Bottomley suggested ways of improving standards.

In tandem with the success of Britpop and the UK fashion industry. London's restaurants are a key reason behind the city's "hip" reputweek by Newsweek.

Sir Terence, whose chain of fashionable restaurants, including Quaglino's and Bibendum, have been a significant contributor to London's gastronomic renaissance, struck a cautionary note yesterday. "We can't get chefs for love nor money. We have to send chefs now to

Australia to be trained." But the problem is that many employers in the industry don't see the need for training, viewing it as an unnecessary cost. The study accepts that most employers in hospitality and tourism don't train: 63 per cent of full-time workers and 77 per cent of part-timers receive no training at all. And not only is the industry in Britain bad, it is had in comparison

with other countries. Officials, ministers and industry leaders recognise there is a long way to go yet. But as Mrs Bottomley said: This is a start. We can build this up. but only if we invest in our people and get training and quality really in place."

PHILIP BASSETT Industrial Editor

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE HYDRAULIC COMPLEX OF DCHAR EL OUED AIT MESSAOUD ON OUM ER RBIA RIVER

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION FOR PRESELECTION OF TENDERERS

The Moroccan Ministry of Public Works, General Directorate of Hydrantic calls for an international competition for preselection of enderers for the construction of the Hydraulic Complex of Dehar El Oued-Ait Messaoud on Oum Er Rbia River, which consist of a storage concrete facing rockfill dam located on Dehar El Oued site and a ompensation concrete dam located on Ait Messaoud site.

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The companies will have to submit their responses along with a



Tarry Ellison, Oracle's founder, says he is out to get Bill Gates Scott McNeally has announced Sun's version of the NC



VAT credit helps Betterware to interim £6.7m

By Keith Rodgers

BETTERWARE, the door-todoor catalogue operator which has been fighting its way back after its shares took a hammering three years ago, has continued its recovery with a healthy interim profit rise.

Pre-tax profits for the 28 weeks to September 14 increased 63 per cent to £6.7 million after a value-added tax credit of £1.2 million. Before the exceptional credit, earnings per share increased 31 per

cent, from 2.6p to 3.4p.
The results, which were marginally above expecta-tions, were greeted favourably in the City, although memories of recent events mean that there is still some nervousness about the stock. The shares, which peaked at 278p in 1993. before sentiment turned sharply against the company, rose marginally from 118p to

Turnover in continuing

businesses climbed 16 per cent to £32.1 million. The company. where Peter Hartley is managing director, said the momenrum in UK sales had continued with a 15 per cent jump to £28.3 million, while margins increased as a result of

righter cost controls.

Overseas sales, which Betterware plans to build up to half of its total turnover within five years, increased 29 per cent, with average customer spend remaining higher than the UK. The company has two joint ventures with Avon Products in Mexico and Argentina, and is planning to enter a third market next year. Its Australian direct selling business, which begun trading in March, had an "encouraging" start, while the com-

pany intends to continue its

European expansion from France, Andrew Cohen, chair-

man, whose family owns

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about 50 per cent of the company, said the company was excited about direct sales prospects in the Far East, but was not yet ready to move in.

The company, which paid a special dividend at the yearend, increased the interim dividend, payable on January 3. 18 per cent to Ip. With net cash of about £10 million at the end of the first half. Mr Cohen stressed that the company did not plan any acquisitions, but said further special payments to shareholders would not be ruled out.

Mr Cohen confirmed that the company was approached six months ago by an indepen-dent electricity producer about the possibility of selling elec-tricity door-to-door when the domestic power market is opened up, but talks had not

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cy would cost the commercial ctor more than £21 billion if it had to comply with compul-sory legislative measures, ac-

trade representation, said.

EuroCommerce opposes mandatory double-pricing, which it estimates would cost £3.89 billion.

the busiest time of year for

A SINGLE European currencording to European retailers (Leyla Linton writes).

However, voluntary measures would cut the cost to £13 billion, a report by EuroCommerce, the retail wholesale and international

The changeover is currently scheduled for January 1, 2002. Like the BRC, EuroCommerce wants the date for the introduction of the euro put back to mid-February, as January is

most retailers. EuroCommerce is in favour of the single currency but believes national and European authorities should regu-

Threat to 200 jobs at Evans Halshaw

BY FRASER NELSON

MORE than 200 jobs are expected to be lost at Evans Halshaw, the automotive dealer, which plans to close one fifth of its dealerships in a bid to increase profitability and move towards larger marketing areas.

The company said yester-day that it would either sell or close 19 of its 88 dealerships, most of which are lossmaking. Some 220 jobs are expected to be lost. Evans Halshaw is also looking to save £3 million per year from management and operational cutbacks. Alan Smith, chief executive, said he would be looking at making further job cuts in its central administration.

Restructuring costs are ex-pected to exceed £11 million. While Evans expects to raise £18 million from selling around 12 of the 19 struggling dealerships, the company is on course to incur a total operating loss of £1.3 million by the year end. The disposals, which Evans hopes to complete before the end of the year, will also give rise to goodwill provisions of £8.8

The company said there had been no respite from the recent difficult trading conditions, adding that the slowdown in growth that hit the company in August had continued through to September.

Mr Smith said that the inchanged at lip, leaving a year total of 16.5p. Its shares lost 5½p yesterday, closing at 248½p. The shares traded at

downturn in the retail car

wards car sales, focusing more on marketing through an area network than by concentrating on an individ-ual dealership. The company will operate from 69 sites once the restructuring is completed.

impact on margins would hit its year-end results, but said the final dividend would be

375p earlier this year.
Profits have plunged for the group, based in Solihuli, West Midlands, since the recent

sector, and a number of dealerships acquired in the early 1990s have not shown the returns expected. Part of the problem was that motor manufacturers have changed their attitude to-

Havelock shares dive on bad news

BY KEITH ROOGERS

SHARES of Havelock Europa, the shop and bank efitter, piummeted as interim pre-tax profits slipped and the company gave warning about second-half pros-

The shares fell 84 hp to 283p after the company said that pre-tax profits for the six to June 30 fell marginally from £2.05 million to £2.01 million. Earnings per share fell 3.3 per cent to 5.1p. while turnover increased 9.8 per cent to £25 million.

The company, whose chief executive is Hew Balfour, gave warning that delays in several major retail orders had resulted in bunching of turnover into the last five months of the year, and difficulty in satisfying de-mand meant it had to subcontract work, which would affect margins. The cost, combined with extra development work for new customers, will



Balfour: troubled by delays

total around £900,000 in the

current year. Fust-half turnover in the non-food retail sector rose to £15.9 million (£12.6 million). Sales in the banking sector dropped marginally to £8.2 million as merger and acquistion activity delayed refurbishment programmes. The dividend, payable December 27, rose to £45p per share £2.2p.

Wellman shares fall after profit warning

SHARES of Wellman fell 15½p to 33½p yesterday after the specialist engineering company warried investors that full-year profits would fall short of market expectations after a difficult first half. The company's garage equipment business in the UK and Germany suffered losses, partly as a result of the suspension of vehicle emissions testing by the Depart-ment of Transport in the UK and by unsatisfactory margins

in both countries. Falling demand has required restructuring of the UK data recording business to restore profitability, and changes in the distribution channels of computer peripherals in France have led to a decision to withdraw from that market. Group profits before tax were now likely to be little changed from the £10.2 million earned in the previous year, Wellman said, adding that measures including changes in operational management and actions to improve margins have been put into place to correct these problems.

Top changes at Asda

ASDA, the supermarket chain, yesterday announced changes in its top management including the appointment of Ian Gibson, chief executive of Nissan UK and a non-executive director at Asda for three years, as nonnon-executive director at Asda for three years, as non-executive deputy chairman. He will be one of two non-executive deputy chairmen, together with Frank Knight who was appointed in June 1993, and he will be directly below Archie Norman, chief executive, who moves to executive chairman's position in December. Allan Leighton is now chief executive.

GE venture for Wales

AMERICA'S General Electric and Nordam Group, a US aviation company, are joining forces in a new aerospace engineering venture that is to establish its European headquarters in Blackwood, South Wales, creating 170 jobs. A 100,000 sq fy plant will be constructed immediately. The £6 million facility will be run by Nordam Europe, a new company, and is due to become operational next May. Earlier this year General Electric spent \$27 million in South Wales on developing a test cell for overhauling the new GE90

African link for Coutts

COUTTS, the 300-year-old private banking arra of NatWest. has linked up with South Africa's Board of Executors Private Bank. The alliance, which will not involve the creation of a new company or cross-holdings, allows private clients with interests in both countries access to each others' services as well as increasing their respective share of the lucrative private banking and investment market. David Went, group chief executive of Courts, said: "Our clients are becoming more international and in response we have been strengthen-ing our global network in a variety of ways."

Scott shareholder plea

DON SCOTT, founder and acting chairman of Scott Pickford, has made a last-dirch appeal to stop five rebel investors from securing complete control of its board. In a letter released yesterday, he urged shareholders of the oil exploration consultancy not to support a motion to dismiss Andrew Shrager, Peter Rothera and David Little from the board. He said that the proposal "defies any kind of commercial logic" and was designed only to secure numerical supremacy for the rebels. The rival faction ousted Ian Maxwell Scott as chairman last month and now claims control of 52 per cent of the shares.

Sema telecoms drive

SEMA, the Anglo-French computer services group, continued its drive into the telecoms market yesterday after buying three phone billing companies from France Telécom for a total of £3 million. It will buy FTLLS, which runs billing for mobile phones and TELIS, its land line-based equivalent. It is also buying out France Telecom from Sema Group Telecom—a joint venture the two embarked on in 1992. Sema said the deals underlined its business relationship with the French phone company, which will continue to use Sema for the bulk of its outsourced computer-based work.

Prospect to raise £7m

PROSPECT INDUSTRIES, the specialist engineering and services group undergoing a drastic capital restructuring, is: raising £7.36 million through a placing and offer of new shares to finance expansion. The new shares are priced at 3.5p, a discount of 12.5 per cent to yesterday's closing of 4p. Half are being offered to shareholders on a three-for-eight basis and the rest to institutional investors. The group had a pre-tax loss of £21.3 million in its 1994-95 financial year and expects the pre-tax loss for the year ended September 30 to be:

T&B acquires US assets

TIBBETT & BRITTEN Group, the warehousing and distribution company, is to acquire the distribution assets of Safeway Inc in California, believed to be the largest grocery warehouse in North America. The facility, in Tracy, supplies grocery goods and other merchandise to more than 250 Safeway stores in Northern California, Nevada and Hawaji. The deal includes 250 trucks and 620 trailers, a 1.8 million-sq it facility and 1,400 employees. The company said that it would involve minimal financial consideration.

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When witnesses are fearful

Regina v Holt
Regina v Bird

Before Lord Justice Roch, Mr
Justice Jowin and Judge Amn
Goddard, QC

Judgment October 22|

Where a victim of violence and a witness to the attacker if the procedures set out in the Crown Prosecution Service's policy document for prosecuting cases of domestic violence were followed, the trial might nevertheless proceed, with the witnesses' statements being admitted in evidence under section 23 of the Criminal Justice Art 1988 might nevertheless proceed, with the witnesses' statements being admitted in evidence under section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988.

23 of the Crimman Justice Act 1700.

The Court of Appeal so stated when quashing the sentences of three months detention in a youth offender institution and two months imprisonment imposed on Sarah Holt and Sophie Bird on October 14, 1996 at Chelmistord Crown Court by Judge Pearson, following his finding on September 16 that the appellants were in contempt of court. In each case a ullowed immediate reless

Section 23 of the 1988 Act provides: "(I) ... a statement made by a person in a document shall be admissible in criminal proceedings at evidence of any fact of which direct oral evidence by him would be admissible if ... [3] ... the person who made it does not. Mr Alun Jones, QC, who did not appear below, and Miss Susan. Monaghan for the appellants.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH, giving the judgment of the court, said that the background to the case arose out of a stormy relationship which had lasted for about three years between Sarah Holt and a young

On April 12, 1996 she suffered extremely serious injuries in an attack which occurred after an assailant entered her ground floor flat. She was rendered unconscious and taken to hospital where she was detained for six-

days.

While there she made a statement to the police. Sophie Bird witnessed the beginning of the incident and climbed out of a window to seek help. She also

made a statement. The former boytrlend of Sarah Holt was charged with causing her grievous bodily harm with intent. His trial was due to start at Chelmsford Crown Court on

September 16.

Both appellants were fully bound witnesses. On that day, after they had indicated that they would not give evidence, the Crown offered no evidence and the judge directed that a not guilty vertica should be entered. dge directed that a not guilty issue of a writ of summons.

Annex 2: Order for injunction.

The defendant was discharged. Annex 3: Order containing under-

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the evidence of the two young

women was central to the prosecu-tion case. Without it the case was bound to have failed.

It was a serious case and the person responsible for the injuries suffered by Sarah Holt was dangerous and should be punished and put where he would not be able, for a substantial period of time, to inflict such injuries on other transportants. other young women.

Mr Jones had brought to the

Mr Jones had brought to the autention of the court it document published in August 1995 entitled CPS Policy for Prosecuting Cases of Domestic Violence.
Under the heading "What happens when the victim changes his

or her mind about giving evi-dence?" it was stated that in such a

dence? It was stated that in such a case the Crown prosecutor must find out why the victim had decided not to give evidence, which might involve putting off the court hearing to investigate the facts.

The steps to be taken were set out, including: "4.8 If the victim confirms that the complaint is true but wants to withdraw support, the Crown prosecutor will consider the following to find out whether it is still possible to continue with the prosecution: ... Could the victim's statement be used as evidence statement be used as evidence under section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988?

The principles to be applied by the court in such cases were correctly stated in R v Montgomery (1995) 2. Cr App R 23, 29) and R v Owen (1976) 1 WLR 840) where it was held that an immediate custodial sentence was the only appro-priate sentence to be imposed on offenders who interfered with the administration of justice, unless the circumstances were wholly

Their Lordships rejected the submission that in this type of case it was wrong in principle to send victims to prison where the attack was directed at the victim himself

their Lorestops had considerable understanding of the view taken by the judge but despite indications by the appellants in the weeks before the trial that they wished to withdraw their state ments and not to give evidence, the CPS's sensible procedure was not followed. If it had been, the trial might have proceeded with the statements being admitted as evi-dence under section 23.

Their Lordships expressed the hope that greater use would be made of section 23 in cases like the present. It was a provision in which Parliament had recognised sug tried to compat the Stomings Militar Larisament tien templates

Moreover, their Lordships though that the judge should not have dealt with the question of contempt on the afternoon of September 16. In the circumstances he should have adjourned

overnight.

Their Lordships concluded that procedures followed were not as good as they might have been. In this exceptional case no good would come of keeping the appellants in consolir and known. lants in custody any longer. Solicitors: Hewitt Burrough &

Over-age further education Regina v Further Education

Funding Council, Ex parte **Parkinson** Regina v Bradford Metro-politan District Council, Ex

parte Same Before Mr Justice Jowist [Judgment October 18]

Any duty to make provision for someone over compulsory school leaving age which, because of his learning difficulties, had by virtue of section 4 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 to be tailor-made to his individual needs, rested upon the Further Education Funding Council. The proposed course had to come within those contemplated in the

Mr Justice Jowitt so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when dismiss-ing applications by Robert Parkin-son for judicial review of (i) a decision of the council on Jar 18, 1996 that it did not have a dury 18, 1996 that it did not have a duty or a power in law to provide funding for a place at Pengwern College of Further Education run by Mencap; (ii) a decision of Bradford Metropolitan District Council not to provide sufficient funding to allow him to attend the

Mr John Friel and Miss Deborah Hay for the applicant; Miss Genevra Caws, QC, for the fund-ing council; Mr Roger McCarthy, QC, for Bradford.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said that the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 established the Further cation Funding Council. Secwith learning difficulties", im-posed a duty to provide education tailor-made to the specific requirements of individuals

The funding council could not owe any duty to fund the Pengwern course unless it fell within paragraph (j) of Schedule 2 of the 1992 Act and the council had to make its own decision whether it did fall within (j. Provided its decision contained no error of law, it could only be challenged on the ground of Wednesbury un-reasonableness (1945) 1 KB 223).

Before a duty to fund arose, it had to be shown that it was in the best interests of the person with learning difficulties. In his Lordship's judgment, the best interests test had to be applied to the Schedule 2 course by asking the question whether there was a reasonable likelihood that the can-didate would succeed on the course for which funding was sought.

The phrase "reasonable likeli-

hood" was not the only one which could fairly describe the relevant be expressed in more than one way. Moreover, there was obviously a margin of appreciation permitted to the decision maker.

His Lordship found that there was material on which the council was emitted to reach the conclu-sion it did, both that the course proposed did not fall within () and that it was not in the hest intenests Miss Caws conceded that where

only part, but not the whole of a proposed course fell within Sched-ule 2, the funding council had

His Lordship would add: subject to the best interests point. That was not the present case. The challenge would fail.

As to the challenge to Bradford's refusal to fund the course, the issue was whether Bradford was under a statutory duty to fund an educational course. Mr Friel submitted there was a

dusy under the community care legislation. He relied on section legislation. He rened on account 2(1)(e) of the Chronically Sick and 1070). His Disabled Persons Act 1970. His Lordship rejected the submission the funding of a purely educational lacility.

Mr Friel also relied on section

Act 1948. That subsection created Moreover, it gave a power to do only that which the secretary of state had directed or approved. Mr McCarthy pointed out that the approvals and directions made

gave no mention of the provision of education and his Lordship did not agree that the wording could refer to that which was purely

His Lordship reached the firm conclusion that there was nothing in the community care legislation on which the applicant could found a claim to be provided with purely educational facilities.

Mr Friel put his case on an alternative basis, relying on section 41 of the Education Act 1944, paragraphs (1), (2), (6) and (8) which made provision for further

in R vILEA. Expans Ali (1990) 2 Admin LR 822) section 8 of the 1944 target duty. Following that, Mr Justice Sedley held in R v Islington London Borough Council, Ex parte Rixon (The Times April 17, section 41 was also a target duty

Similarly, in his Lordship's view, the discretionary power was also a target power rather than a power to make provision which was tailor-made for the needs peculiar to a specific case.

Accordingly, Mr Friel was not convert either a general duty or a power to make special provision

In his Lordship's judgment, any duty to make provision for some-one over compulsory school leaving age which, because of his learning difficulties, had by virtue of section 4 of the 1992 Act to be tailor-made to his individual needs rested upon the funding council and it had to come within Schedule

It followed that Bradford had neither the duty nor the power under section 41 of the 1944 Act to fund a course at Pengwern. The

Solicitors: Jacqueline Everett & Co. Streatham; Mr Allen Sykes.

Correction in R v Graham (H. K.) and associated appeals (The Times October 28) the solicitors for Mrs

Interlocutory injunction orders

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The standard forms of order made on interlocutory applications for injunctions had been agreed for use in both the Chancery Division and the Queen's Bench Division.

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ments made by the judge and to arrange for the immediate scaling and entry of the order. The correct word processing system used in the High Court was WordPerfect

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Chief Justice, stuing with Mr Justice Blofeld in the Lord Chief

attached to the present Practice Direction would supersede those previously issued with immediate

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Auditors must do better

David Chitty says audits should

not be a mechanical exercise

uditors have now been subject to the Joint Monitoring Unit (JMU) for several years. The process is confidential and the details of visits are not revealed publicly.

The JMU does not publish reports on its findings, but periodically articles are prepared, or statements issued, on them. The JMU's com-ments reveal that the same issues arise in firms of all sizes, on visit after visit. The overall conclusion; auditors can do better.

Audits are a form of consultancy product and, like any project, effective planning is needed. It is therefore surprising that issues repeatedly arise in connection with poor planning and risk assessment. Planning and risk assessment are often undertaken in a very mechanical manner and the approach to the audit assignment does not change from year to year.

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This results in failure to appraise the specific needs of the client, to respond to changes and developments in the client's business, or to develop the most cost effective. efficient audit approach that adds value to this business.

A greater investment by auditors in planning and risk assessment will give better feedback to clients and will do much to raise confidence in the value and purpose of the statutory audit.

Auditors are required by auditing standards to use analytical review procedures to understand the financial information produced by clients. The aim is to identify the trends and relationships when compared with information from earlier financial periods and relevant non-linancial data. Often, though, the exercise is poorly performed by inexperienced staff who are given little time to make comparisons.

The end result is a list of percentage variations, supvague comments. Analytical procedures should. however, be used to generate questions regarding the client's business and economic environment, which should be followed up as part of the full audit process.

An overriding concern is that auditors are poor at documenting the results of the procedures: Audit files usually contain much financial information and analysis of the client's financial statements. However, the standard of comment is often poor, giving the view that little thought has been given to the real meaning of the data collected.

Further, in collecting and assessing audit evidence, audi-



David Chitty wants audits to add value to clients

tors are required to perform procedures to ensure that various assertions about the data can be met - that it is complete, accurate, exists, is correctly valued, and is properly disclosed. There is concern that many auditors do not fully understand these asser-

The final product of the audit process, and the only part of it which is visible to wider public scrutiny, is the audit report contained in the by the client. Auditors are required by Auditing Standards to perform a final review of the financial statements to ensure, among other matters, that all accounts dis-

closures are correct.

On occasions, thought is not given to the effect of recent changes in statutory disclosures, or accounting stan-Therefore, the financial statements will completely miss a reporting development because the

client about it. Deficiencies can also arise with the audit report itself.

This article may present a tone of concern and criticism, but it is reporting the issues that have arisen from real monitoring visits performed by professional inspectors. The accounting profession is committed to raising its standards and to giving the best service to its clients. If not, its privilege of independent regulation will be taken away.

Better auditing will result from applying more thought to the process and from treating each assignment as a commercial project, which must add value to the client, rather than a mechanical exercise that must be performed in the face of a demanding book

of standards.
No professional will admit that he is giving poor service to his clients. However, many members of the auditing profession are falling short in the service delivered and are unnecessarily exposing them-selves to a risk of actions against them for professional

negligence.
Auditors can and must do better. If they cannot or will not. eventually external regulators will come and do it for them.

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Wake up at the back, reporting is going global

accounting that Coopers & Lybrand staged in the ballroom of the Grosvenor House Hotel in London last week, said afterwards. I was surprised that there

was no feeling of urgency."

Leisenring is vice-chairman of the
United States Financial Accounting
Standards Board (FASB). The issues that are being debated are urgent. The future direction of world financial reporting is up for grabs. Yet much of what was said at the debate was muddled and confused, and, in some cases it did not relate at all to what was cases, it did not relate at all to what was

happening.
Financial reporting is at the heart of the economic process. It is about how the constituent parts of economic activity are performing. And, equally important, it is about the perceptions of how they are performing. The impres-sions formed and the understanding of analysts, shareholders, investors and the general public are crucial to the

performance of the country's economy.
That is why it is always surprising to find views which, in that context, strike you as bizarre. In this country, we are used to this. In the US, they also have bizarre ideas. However, as the example of Leisen-ring shows, they tend to be surprised by them still, and to say so. It was Roger Davis head of accounting and

audit for Coopers & Lybrand, who set the hares running. In a small booklet produced for the debate and enti-tied Suggested Code of Principles for Financial Reporting, he said, quite unequivocally, that "it is the company's directors who are the prime users

of accounts". You could see Leisenring having trouble not falling over backwards out of his seat at that one.

There we have all been for the past 20 years or so assuming that auditors reported to the shareholders and that the report and accounts were crucial to investors and analysts and the interested public as well. Leisenring, like many in the room, was incredulous. By the time he had caught his breath, he was already back across the Atlantic. "The idea," he said this week, "that the needs of the shareholders and the directors are the same runs contrary to everything I know.

However, there was worse to come during the debate. One senior finance director stood up and said that the real problem with financial reporting rules was that their main thrust was antiavoidance. Several other people fell off their chairs at that one. How unfair, after all the disasters such as Maxwell and Polly Peck, that anyone should be

im Leisenring, referring to the formulating rules that would stop debate on the future direction of people bending them so far that

accounts were meaningless. It does rather beggar belief. Here were the cream of the United Kingdom's financial reporting community. And what were they advocating? That accounts were, by and large, for the directors own use and that it was unfair to stop directors showing the figures in whatever form best suited

It was no wonder that the main issue completely eluded many of the people at the debate. This was the issue that Leisenring had expected to find providing the urgency among the assembled standard setters and finance directors.
Put concisely, it is that financial reporting rules are rapidly becoming global and that people in this country. need to decide pretty sharply what they want to do about it. There are three alternative routes currently. There are the US rules, known as USGAAP. There are the UK rules, known as ANGAAP. UKGAAP. And there are the rules that

the International Accounting Stan-dards Committee (IASC) is putting together in great haste to meet a deadline of March 1998, after which their rules may be approved as a route on to, for example, the New York Stock Exchange.
That is what it is all

about. Companies in all the advanced economies need common global financial reporting rules that are accepted by the world's leading stock ex-changes. Except, it would appear, the UK. Here, finance directors

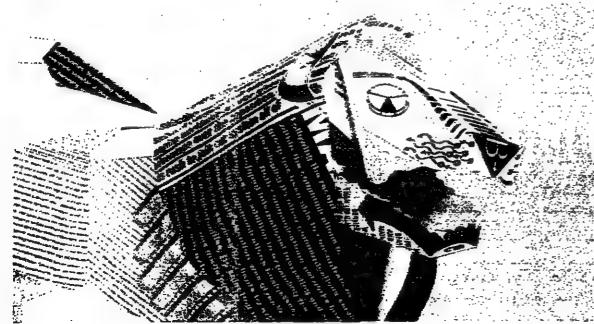
Seem happy to muddle along and presume that figures produced under UK rules and fudged about in the restating of them for US rules will somehow prove adequate.

Roger Davis even issued an impassioned plea. "If fine next three to six take an interest over the next three to six take an interest over the next three to six months," he said, "then the world will have passed you by." No one seemed to

be taking much notice. "There was," said Leisenring, "a feeling of 'so what?". And that is not a view you would hear anywhere else around the world."

There are several possible political strategies for sorting out the mechanism for producing global financial reporting rules. However, unless the finance director community in this country shows an interest in the need for agreed rules, there is little point in taking part in the politics. It is all a bit like the UK's attitude towards Europe. No one cares enough to take part until it is too late and the consequences of that lack of interest have come home to





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THE City firm of Kingston Smith moved offices this week Gone are the cramped quarters by Liverpool Street Station. It has bought the freehold of the old site in Goswell Road to the west of the City that was once the executive headquarters of the English ICA. And it has done up the old place in fine style. In the basement, where the institute used to store its membership records, there is now a suite of meeting rooms. And it was thought a good idea to name these after the early City livery companies. One room is called "Coopers". Guests at the opening this week spent a lot of time looking for its twin, which would have to be called "Lybrand".

a name?

Fighting talk

AT THE very grand debate that Coopers & Lybrand staged at the Grosvenor House Hotel last week the lighting talk tended to come from Jim Leisenring, vice-chairman of FASB, the US standard-setting organisation. In particular, he defended the statement of principles that came under so much verbal attack when the UK accounting standards board published it earlier this year. its critics, he said, were "intellectually vacuous or downright silly". So much for the firm of Ernst & Young then.

Half measures

EXPECT fireworks at this afternoon's extraordinary general meeting of the certified accountants. The rebellious Prem Sikka called the meeting and issued ten resolutions for debate. These then had to be sent out to members by Anthea Rose, the chief executive. Resolution No 10 calls for her salary to be haived.

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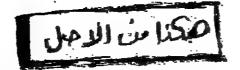
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VISUAL ART 1

A Prime Minister's legacy: the treasures of Robert Walpole's Houghton Hall go on display



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Can Robert Hughes rekindle the egghead tradition on TV with his





DANCE

Siobhan Davies brings her company, and an atmospheric double bill, to the South Bank



Big opinions

in a small box

Lynne Truss looks forward to the bracing return of Robert Hughes as television's 'curator of the arts'

■ TOMORROW

The Spice Girls' first album, and all the other new pop CDs reviewed by **David Sinclair**

Top of the premier's league

VISUAL ART: Isabel Carlisle on an

exhibition of sumptuous treasures amassed by the first Prime Minister

6 Walpole's

paintings

was second

only to the

King's ?

The one lacuns in the Tate Gallery's magnificent Grand Tour exhibition is any survey, however brief, of Old Master paintings bought in Italy for British collections in the 18th century. These are the paintings that make up so much of our national heritage today. They are as much Grand Tour taste as antiquities or Classical architecture but, for the Tate, both time to prepare the exhibition and space in which to hold it was limited. It has fallen instead to the Castle Museum in Norwich to provide a flavour of what

was happening here as opposed to in Italy. Houghton Hall in Norfolk is without doubt one of the most beautiful Classically-inspired country houses in Britain. It was built by Sir Robert Walpole, the first Prime Minister, between 1721 and 1735 to house his art collection. Its interiors and furnishings, designed for the most part

by William Kent, make it a great ensemble showpiece of Grand one of the mahogany benches from Tour taste. It is surprising then, to the hall and two bronze, reduced discover that Walpole never went to Italy, but instead employed architects who had, and relied on his three sons (Grand Tourists all) and agents en the spot to buy paintings and

Unfortunately Walpole had a firm-er grip on the nation's finances than on his own, and at his death in 1745 the estate was already in debt. His lavish lifestyle, which included pouring vast sums of money into Houghon, made it almost inevitable (as his son Horace foresaw) that some. of the contents would eventually have to be sold. The Houghton collection of Old Master paintings was second only to that of the King. Although recently acquired, it was already recognised as part of the nation's heritage in 1771, when John Wilkes suggested in the House of Commons that the collection be bought for the British Museum. Neither George III nor Parliament were prepared to find the money, however, and in 1779 the Empress Catherine the Great of Russia bought ist paintings from

Walpole's grandson for about \$40,000. She hung them in her new picture gallery, the Hormitage. The loss was considered a national disaster — and there begins a tale that continues to this day.

The recently completed restorationof Houghton to its original appearance and the possibilities opened up by glasnost in Russia of borrowing back some of the lost paintings have inspired the Norwich exhibition. Despite the unsympathetic exhibition. space, the curaturs have pulled off a conjuring trick which evokes the

different parts of the house as they were in the 18th century. Loans by the Marguess of Choimoncollection of deley from Houghton are penerous. They include the Rysbrack bust of Walpele wrapped in a Roman toga, which normally stands on the mantlepiece of the Stone Hall fin front of a relief carving by William Kent of a sacrifice to the goddess Di-ana). The drawing for that relief is here; as is

scale copies of the famous antique Borghese and Medici vases. -

There is some exquisite aliverware (including the 1728 Walpole Salver by Paul de Lamerie); an armchair, settee and stool upholstered in crimson wool and silk from the famous set designed by Kent for the Houghton Saloon; family portraits with, unusually, one of Walpole's gardener John Ellys: and some really splendid paintings. Best among them is the magnificent late work by Poussin of The Holy Family with Saints John and Elizabeth, based on the same subject by Raphael, of a size and monumentality unusual for that artist - the courier who accompanied it from St Petersburg had problems

getting it into the aircraft. Also from the Hermitage are a portrait of Pope Clément IX by Carlo Maratti and one of an unknown man by Salvator Rosa. Once owned by Catherine the Great, but sold to Andrew Mellon in the 1920s to raise cash (and then given to the Washing-ton National Gallery of Art), are a



ings. It is not known how many of

Walpole's paintings are still in the

Hermitage - some were undoubted-

ly destroyed in the Second World

small head of Pope Innocent X by Velázquez, a portrait of a man by Frans Hals and one of Philip, Lord Wharton by Van Dyck. Walpole had bought the large Wharton collection of portraits by Van Dyck in its

Some of these paintings hung in Houghton Hall, others in a speciallybuilt top-lit gallery close by. Knowing that the collection would not survive intact, in 1747 Horace Walpole pub-War - but what a glorious exhibition lished a detailed guide called the that would make. Aedes Walpolianae. It included masterpieces such as Rubens's portrait of Hélène Fourment and Rembrandt's Sacrifice of Isaac. He also commissioned engravings of all the paint-

• Houghton Hall: The Prime Minister The Empress and The Hermitage is at the Castle Museum, Norwich, until January Lasue museum. Normch, until January
5. It then transfers to Kenwood House,
Hampstead London, from January 23 to
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by Andrew Moore, is published by Philip
Wilson at £35

if not, he is accustomed to carrying the can. Star of the famous quiz show scandal of the 1950s, Van Doren was a nice-looking and highly educated young literature professor who betrayed America by

t may all have started with Charles Van Doren. And

cheating on the television quiz Twenty-One, Discredited, he was blamed for many things, but among them was this: he had thrown away the chance to inspire Americans in the arts. Under his influence, bobby-soxers would have brushed up their Shakespeare and worn specs for choice. But he let them down, with sadly observable results. Watching that great

municator Robert Hughes kick off his new American art series American Visions (starting on Sunday. 7.20pm, BBC2), the Van Doren probyou. Why have so few inspirational figures pierced the levelling mem-brane of British television, and fired us to critical appreciation of arts and books? Hughes looks behind him and finds almost no

precedents: instead of a threering circus, there is only the short, blunt human pyramid formed by Kenneth Clark and Melvyn Bragg. Civilisation caught the public imagination in the dim and distant. In the 1970s, on Read All About It, Bragg established himself as a sort of MC for the arts. But in the intervening years, it has been tough for eggheads. Even Hughes's own Shock of the

New was yonks ago. The trouble is that, in the decades after Clark, the magisterial tone fell into disrepute Under the influence of fervid Postmodernism, television dispensed with front men; even commentaries were scrapped. Intelligent viewers were expected to make their own sense of the images flowing before them - a technique that served well enough for 40 Minutes but was dead boring for the arts. At its nadir in the

late 1980s, Channel 4 produced the infamous series State of the Art - a pretentious, bewildering and wordless montage of ultra-modern art, which not only dispensed with old-fashioned value judgments, but did not even identify what you were looking at.

rebuilding in the ruins, and when Andrew Graham-Dix-on's recent History of British Art started making grand personal evaluations ("I think of Stowe as the greatest collaborative work of art produced in Britain in the 18th century", I felt guilty enjoying it so much. Was Andrew Graham-Dixon allowed to say things like that? Was he setting

himself up as Lord Clark, or something? Yet para-doxically the more a presenter tells you what to think, the more you trust and respect him. Graham-Dixon showed us the previously unfilmed remains of a "Jesse. tree" in Wales, "As far as I'm con-cerned," he said thrillingly, "it's one of the greatest sculptures of the

is television ready for the return of Hughes? A.

him called his demeanour of certainty "Johnsonian", which is about right. In the first instalment of American Visions he delivers a paean to Thomas Jefferson, which begins: "If I had to pick on person from all the dead Americans I wish I could talk to" - and he clearly has not. the slightest doubt he could hold his own. Hughes's Aussie diphthongs still amaze and entertain; he is large with praise and magnificent with sarcasm. To accuse Jeff Koons of hype "would be like rebuking a fish for being wet".

In the last episode, Hughes laments for American art that it has lost its defining habits of plain empirical speech and spiritual hope". But if American art is somehow losing those qualities, at least British arts documentaries are finally getting them back.

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THEXTIMES



David Hughes and Amanda Britton in Siobhan Davies's innovative double bill for Dance Umbrella

Happier taking the wider view

Britain's queen of contemporary dance. And with good reason. No other female choreographer has worked so successfully over the years at producing innovative and intelligent dance of the highest quality. No wonder the Siobhan Davies Dance Company has just won this year's lucrative Prudential Award for Dance.

The double bill her company brought to London this week, part of the Dance Umbrella festival, is evidence of her immaculate taste. Working with a firstrate team - composer Gerald Barry. lighting designer Peter Mumford and set designer David Buckland - Davies has created two companion pieces for seven dancers that are rich in ambience and

The first half, Trespass, is set to two Barry piano quartets. The title is a signpost: dancers "trespass" into each other's space, the dance itself trespasses into the music and lighting. Even the

ruminative tranquillity.

DANCE Siobhan Davies Queen Elizabeth Hall

shape of the choreography is an encroachment on form: angularity and softness compete for priority: a flurry of crisp upright phrasing is counter-balanced by slow, emphatic arcs that feel the pull of gravity. Davies also intimates a parallel universe of dance, so that what is happening on stage seems to be occurring in two different places at the same time. co-existing but not always co-operating. Sometimes the sensation is explicit, sometimes implied, but the dancers are absorbed and the effect is absorbing.

Affections is set to six Handel arias (sung feistily by the mezzo Buddug Verona James), which Barry has scored

for the same instrumental ensemble (piano, cello, violin and viola) he used in respass. Affections shares key elements of design and lighting with Trespass, too. and the choreography of the earlier work is echoed in the new movements. But everything has been rearranged to colour

a different mood. The lens of the choreography has narrowed, its focal point trained on individual dancers, exploring their personal histories rather than their relationships to one another. Hence Affections is more emotional and inextricably linked to the personality of its interpreters. Yet in a curious way, since these are some of the most expressive soloists around, the choreography is diminished by the weakened group dynamic. It is as if Davies herself, maker of inordinately beautiful dance landscapes, is uncomfortable speaking in close-ups.

DEBRA CRAINE

Novel view of naturalism

THE lobby of this theatre always looks much the same but once up the last few steps into the auditorium and there is never any telling what you will find there. The seats could be facing the long side, the short side, divided down the middle, or rearranged to in into ferry boats. They may be removed entirely and replaced with soil on which actors and audience intermingle, or positioned around a central trench trossed by planks.
This last idea has now been

developed to a degree I wouldn't have thought conceivable after all, the place was originally two rooms above a pub, and there is only so much excavation a floor will take. The play is the early. naturalist piece by Gerhart Hauptmann, the work that probably earned him the No-bel Prize in 1912, and its subject the doomed revolt by Silesian cotton weavers in 1844

ENTENER The Weavers Gate

production in an oblong pit where the andience sits around the upper edges, staring down at actors ten feet below, like visitors to a 200 observing curious beasts. I don't think this is the image Cooke intends to foster though inevitably we feel more distanced from emotional involvement than, for example, in his last production here, Hunting Scenes From Lower Bavaria.

against impossibly low wages and frightful living conditions. Dominic Cooke places his

The play is interesting, chiefly for the way Hauptmann boldly moves the focus around his cast of 26, but truly it is the staging that holds the attention. The first half contains three scenes, in factory, hovel and inn, and the shifting is done in the familiar way by the cast. But the second half requires a scene change from the factory-owner's sitting-room to a working loom, and Robert Innes Hopkins's design solution is to build the first on top of the second. When the owner's house is loosed, the mob lifts chairs. silver, china and whirls them in slow motion while the floorhoards are separated and the loom revealed beneath. Using a muscular transla

tion by Anthony Vivis, Cooke's use of overlapping talk is remarkably effective. Some performances stand out because the parts are longer. but essentially this is an ensemble production, played with clarity and conviction.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THE viol consort Fretwork celebrated its tenth anniversary at the Wigmore Hall in style, despite the non-appear-ance of the guest star, the counter-tenor Michael Chance, who woke on the morning of the concert to find himself voiceless. The nature of the birthday programme made finding a suitable re-placement a Herculian task. RECITAL Over the past decade, Fretwork has commissioned com-

of these commissions as part of their celebrations. In the end, only Michael Nyman's contribution had to go by the board. Pieces by Tan Dun, George Benjamin and Elvis Costello were valiantly saved by, respectively. Emma Kirkby, Deborah Miles-John-

posers to write works for viol

consort, and had selected a

number of the most successful

son and Costello himself. I have heard Fretwork perform Benjamin's Upon Silence several times now, and on each hearing I am struck by its accomplishment and potent imagination. The voice.

Hats off to a viol body

Fretwork Wigmore Hall

now languid, now darting, hovers over and around the viols like the long-legged fly of the Yeats poem on which the work is based. Miles-Johnson and Fretwork gave a strong performance, with the com-poser conducting.

Tan Dum's A Sinking Love is an atmospheric miniature which was commissioned by Fretwork for the Purcell tercentenary last year. Dun takes the opening notes of a Purcell fantasia but refashions them

to create a musical language owing more to Eastern pentatonicism, and combines this with the words of a poem by the 8th-century Chinese poet Li Po to recreate some-thing of the world of Chinese opera. Emma Kirky swooped and whispered with delectable

precision.

Gavin Bryars, in his In.

Nomine a Six, exploited Fretwork's strength as a family of instruments with an homo-genised overall sonority. In this, his piece comes much closer to an "authentic" response to the viol, and to the Purcellian idiom in the broadest sense. New sonorities are explored, but with refreshing

These were well represented in the programme, too, with fantasias by Byrd, Jenkins and Lawes. Fretwork deserves much credit as a patron of contemporary music, but still more so for bringing the highest level of performance to

TESS KNIGHTON

the viol consort.





FILM 1 Robert De Niro switches to psycho mode again for The

Fan, a violent

baseball story



■ FILM 2

while The Glimmer Man offers a mindless farrago of serial killers and secret agents





FILM 3

The pit's closed but the band . plays on in 🚁 Brassed Off, a British comedy with character



FILM 4

Anna Campion does not begin to match sister Jane's directorial talent with her debut, Loaded

CINEMA: What becomes a Hollywood legend most? Not his showing in the baseball thriller, The Fan, says Geoff Brown

Batty De Niro fouls out again

audiences were awed and enby ginema's basic ingredient, pictures that move. A train puffing into a station platform; a boy playing a trick with a garden hose; a baby at Lumière cinematograph took replicas of these simple scenes and gave them the kiss of life.

Now, a hundred years later, cinema offers so many audiences not life, but death, or at the very least extreme violence. The earliest camera cherished what it filmed: today's camera lens spends much of its time watching the human form blasted by shotguns, slit by knives, engulfed in flames, or speared by a passing railing. This is offered up as entertainment.

Since The Fan is directed by Tony Scott, maker of Top Gun and True Romance, the violence is served up with some razzle-dazzle. We peer at scenes through a curtain of driving rain, or wire mesh, or clouds from a steam bath, or a car windscreen's opaque blur. We also get a major star, Robert De Niro, grimacing under a baseball cap as Gi Renard, a psychotic fan who takes extreme action to help the fortunes of Wesley Snipes. the San Francisco Giants'

expensive new celebrity.
But neither of these ingredients make The Fan any easier to watch and enjoy. Unlike his contemporary Al Pacino, De Niro is an actor in a rut. shrinking rather than growing with age. We have seen that mad glint and chilling grin too often before: we saw it in Taxi Driver, in King of Comedy and in Cape Fear. But this time De Niro has no Scorsese to help him explore the jungle of a psychopath's brute force, not finesse; and the script scarcely helps by painting De Niro's character in such obvious colours. A failed salesman of hunting knives who abuses his clients and uses his merchandise to impale cockroaches; a failed husband and father; a perfectionist who believes that "baseball's better than life - it's fair": how could he not go over the edge when Snipes, his idol,

suffers a rotten season? The visual sheen proves no Niro goes off the rails, stalking his idol, threatening or taking life, the more gratuitous the

camera antics and pounding rock music become. Neither image nor script leave room for characters to grow; Snipes's star player never advances much beyond flashing smiles and fancy struts, while poor Ellen Barkin's radio reporter only has space to toss her blonde hair.

The Glimmer Man offers its own onslaught of violence. People repeatedly crash through windows. Necks are slashed with a credit card. Other parts of the human

> The Fan Odeon Leicester Square 18, 114 mins Robert De Niro as a psychotic baseball fan The Glimmer Man

Warner West End 18. 91 mins Steven Scagal goes bananas **Brassed Off**

Empire, 15, 108 mins British comedy with a bit of spirit The Last Supper

ICA Cinema. 96 mins Moving Aids drama Loaded Virgin Trocadero

18, 96 mins

Jane Campion's

sister makes a mess

body fall prey to martial arts blows. This is little more than video store fodder, briefly let

loose into cinemas. There is one saving grace. You can laugh at its star and co-producer. Steven Seagal. who sits on the screen like a beached whale. Seagal has become such a power in the film business that no one appears in a position to tell him that his acting skills are almost invisible, and that his girth does not suit loudly embroidered Nehru jackets, a string of prayer beads slung stands, a garish lump with a flat, whispering voice, trying to convince as a New York detective on loan to LA. pursuing a serial killer case that is not what it seems, in between giving people kicks and chops. he says fighting is against his religion: he's a Buddhist. The film. indifferently di-

rected by television hand John Gray, contains deliberate

THE SEATIMES



Robert De Niro and Andrew J. Ferchland take part in America's national game — working out how long Bobby can milk his performance in Taxi Driver

comedy too, mostly assigned to Keenen Ivory Wayans as Seagal's bumptious partner, chaling at his assignment. But the jokes are very feeble. Nor is much lov to be gleaned from the thriller element: scrambling to unite the serial killer

corrupt government Kevin Brodbin's script lurches between the vague, the obvious and the ridiculous. Among the supporting cast, the only interesting name is our own Brian Cox, wasting his talents as a shadowy CIA puppermaster. I hope the pay was If you need a respite from

physical violence, you could try Brassed Off. a fluently made British film full of oompah and Yorkshire grit. This is the work of the writer-director Murk Herman, a Yorkshireman who sold bacon for the family firm in Hull before finding Hollywood finance for a bland and forgettable first feature, Blame it on the Bellboy, set in Venice.

He has not made the same mistake twice. With Brassed Off he writes about what he knows. You can fault his script for its broad dramatic strokes. and the mood's awkward mix of sugar and vinegar. But the depiction of Grimley, a colliery town facing pit closure in 1992, is exact and vivid; and the cross-section of miners and wives stays well this side of caricature. Herman's leads. seasoned character players from film or television, even look convincing dressed in uniforms, tootling away on cornets, trombones, euphoniums and the like; or, in Pete Postlethwaite's case. wielding the baton. The esteemed Grimethorpe Colliery Band provided the sound-

"I know they have a spot of bother at the pit." Postle-thwaite says. "but that's sepa-

track, and some obliging

rate. That's different. This is music." His band members are not such ostriches. If the pit closes, so does the band, even with the national cham-

ut the arrival of Tara Fitzgerald, her toothy smile and flugelhorn revitalises the male fraternity, especially her childhood sweetheart (Ewan Mo-Gregor, from Trainsporting). She also causes the script to jump through some awkward hoops as her secret agenda becomes clear, and the miners

vote to accept redundancy. By the end, Herman's film faces two ways at once. It wants to be a heart-warming comedy of obstacles overturned. It also wants to shoot darts at the Tory government. Both targets cannot be hit at once; although any film that attempts to put bite back into British film comedy deserves

The Last Supper offers another antidote to the casual violence of The Fan and The Glimmer ... Man. although since this is a visually poky last hours of an Aids sufferer. few people may be prepared to recreation of Hillar Liitoja's award-winning play never attempts to sweeten the pill. The camera stays in the sickroom. close to the skeletal face of a dancer who wishes to bow out gracefully through euthana-sia. Action unfolds in real time: if the character is alone and silent, wheezing apart, the film stays silent too. The spectacle is made all the more harrowing by the knowledge that the lead actor, Ken McDougall, died four days after shooting finished: the

character's last supper, was Not that everything is bleak. There is dignity, courage and

much compassion here; and

Roberts's film performs a genuine service by making us share a loved one's final hours. At the end a few false notes are struck, but they cannot premoving and cleansing

Life gets nastier again in Loaded, the feature debut of Anna Campion, Jane Campion's sister, which has lurked unhappily on various shelves since the Venice Film Festival

two years ago. The film, shot in England, has now lost 12 minutes; but no amount of inventive scissoring could significantly improve Campion's haphazard visuals, or inspire interest in the doleful school-leavers who gather at a country house for drugs, breast-beating and the making of a horror video. Some of the cast, such as Thandie Newton and Catherine McCormack, have now moved on to better things. Audiences should do likewise.

'A classy thriller'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

James Crabtree, 19: Sadly, great actors do not always make great films. Despite great acting from Robert De Niro and Wesley Snipes, this thriller is more stylised than

David Balfour, 19: Classy and well-directed thriller with a fantastically tense finale.

Johan Almenberg, 19: A perfect mix of action and drama. Not a conventional psychothriller and not particularly scary, but certainly well made. Susan Wallace, 19: A failed father, a failed baseball player

and a failed script. ☐ BRASSED OFF James: Although the story is engrossing, nothing is quite as amusing as watching the ubiquitous Ewan McGregor attempt a Yorkshire accent. The story is sufficiently diverting to distract from the brass band music, but only just. Entertaining, but nothing

special.

David: This is not just a simple tale of pit closures and brass bands. With no single lead, the community becomes the star. Unfortunately, the film needed to be more focused for the sake

Johan: Personal triumphs, individual tragedy and industrial depression. Lacking in tension, but some performances.

Susan: An intelligently written script which is both atmospheric and sensitive. The shire humour give a bitterrweet touch.

☐ THE GLIMMER MAN James: I liked this film all the way until the credits ended: the opening credits. Awful and recommended to no one." David: Pathetically made rubbish. Steven Seagal yet again tries and fails to portray an enigmatic action hero. This is

a cheap imitation of NYPD

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Johan: The once funny Keenan ivory Wayans is bor-ing and leaden alongside the even duiler Seagal. Terrible. Susan: Predictable and overly compulsive action: everything either explodes, is shot or falls in slow motion from a topstorey apartment. Crucify-ingly awful.

FREE POP: Songs and sneers from the North and a commanding act from Mali

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Radical

overtones

Oumou Sangare

Bloomsbury Theatre

harp lute that is plucked fiercely, and the

mesmeric rhythms of the djembe drum.

This is augmented by electric guitar and

bass to produce a funky, blues-laden

pulse which at the same time remains

deeply traditional. It provides the perfect

foil to Sangare's voice which conveys

centuries of tragedy as she rails against

the indignities and injustices heaped

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seven-year history of the Beautiful South began late in 1994 with the release of Carry On Up The Charts, a singles anthology that drummed home just how many times their always accessible, usually sardonie songmanship had touched a national nerve. That collection has now sold more than two million copies in this country alone, and rolled out the red carpet for their new studio material, on which

producer. Thus with a Top Five single. Rotterdam, already in the bag, its new parent album Blue is the Colour opened its account this week by cruising straight to No I. As they

THE extraordinary power and presence of Oumou Sangare have already given

her superstar status across Africa, and

she is well on the way to similar acclaim

in Europe. That she comes from Mali. a

country where polygamy is still the norm

and women are second-class citizens.

makes it all the more extraordinary that

she now ranks with Baaha Maal and

Youssou N'Dour among the hottest

A ceaseless campaigner against op-

pression, she dedicated a rare London

concert "pour la liberté de la femme" and

sang material from her last album

Worotan. The title means ten cola nuis -

the current price of a bride in a West

African arranged marriage - which

virtually sells women into slavery. The

traditional wassoulou sound relies on a thrilling dialogue between Sangare's

swooping voice and the kamelengoni. a

properties in world music.

Midas continues as executive

A WHIRLWIND period in the continue this cur-The Beautiful ready confirmed plans to top

were, with a set of arena dates next April including two at the Albert Hall. Perhaps not the world, but Britain, at least, is their oyster.

Given the group's sarcastic retext - the very name of the Hull-based act is a sneering reference to the London-centric industry they have con- one should approach their live show expecting a high degree of fashionable ennui. For their fans, this is not something to be endured, but an essential

Heaton and Dave Hemingdelayed Empire, W12 their entry until after the first number, for which Jacqueline

Abbott took the lead on Don't Marry Her. This opening song from the new album is a typically two-edged device, its sugary melody disguising a cial and sexual conventions. An audience that had helped the album into pole position was already word perfect.

decorated the setlist, but the evening was nonetheless a celebration of the astonishing success of the retrospective

hand, took this to unwitting extremes in the new song Blackbird on the Wire with an ill-concealed yawn.
But the Beautiful South's calculated lack of theatficality only makes them even more a band of the people, and while some might prefer them to lay bare more genuine emotion (as on the ballad I'll Sail This Ship Alone) they have almost summarised the mood of a

nonchalance. Heaton, with a

faraway look and cigarette in

when you sneer, the whole pop kingdom sneers with you. PAUL SEXTON

generation by proving that

upon West African women. As a performer, Sangare commands attention in striking traditional robes, whether dancing with her two women chorus singers or spinning and catching the calabash, a large basket hung with jangling cowne shells which is used as a percussive instrument. Sangare fights for freedom yet respects tradition and has the charisma to become a radical icon in the manner of a Bob Marley or a Nina Simone. She is also incredibly professional: due to a strike on Eurostar in Brussels. Sangare and her band arrived in London only 75 minutes before they were due on stage and scarcely had time for a sound check. She still triumphed and the sell-out audience never would

have known of the backstage dramas. Williamson

Valkyries finally run out of puff

THE curse of Alberich hung over the performance of Die Walkure at Covent Garden last Friday. The new Brunnhilde lost her voice and had to be replaced for the last act, the Wotan was also audibly tiring by the end, while the Sieglinde should never have been allowed on the stage in the first place. Anne Evans had been scheduled to take over the role

of Brünnhilde from Deborah Polaski in the second cycle, earlier in the month. She was known to be apprehensive about it, and the switch was delayed on the grounds of insufficient rehearsal time. On Friday, as soon as she bounded on as the high-spirited adolescent of Richard Jones's conception (she soon grows up), it was clear that something was amiss. The valkyrie cries were not at all bad, but she was plainly ill at ease - when she should have been jokingly gesturing a high note with an upturned finger, she pointed down — and her singing throughout the act rarely matched her reputation as one of the finest Brunnhildes of the day.

After the interval, the Royal Opera's director, Nicholas Payne, came on to explain that Evans had sung herself hoarse and would be replaced by her valkyrie sister. Gerhilde (Penelope Chalmers), with Patricia Cameron stepping in from the chorus as the new Gerhilde. Both substi-

Die Walküre Covent Garden

tutes were admirable, Chalmers breezing through the production with convincing acting and some sensitive, if

lightweight, singing. John Tomlinson, who has hurled himself at the role of Wotan unsparingly night after night, succumbed at last. But the more interiorised reading that emerged as a result in Act III had much to offer. The same cannot be said of the Sieglinde of Ulla Gustafsson. whose poorly supported, be-low-the-note tone remains an

embarrassment. Bernard Haitink's conducting of Wagner is as unpredictable as ever. He produces lyrical and thrilling sounds when required, but his response is essentially to musical values, not dramatic or verbal ones. The meaning of the drama seems to pass him by, with the result that he gives little support to the

In spite of everything, Jones's searingly honest, disturbing and profoundly moving production made an indelible impression on an enthusiastic audience.

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> **BROKEN ARROW** Fox Guild, 15, 1996

RENEGADE Air Force pilot John Travolta steals nuclear weapons; his former chum Christian Slater tries to get them back. A bumptious and brainless action movie, bursting with vivid set pieces from director John Woo, but with no worthwhile plot, characterisation or dialogue to serve as ballast. Samantha Mathis is the token girl. Available to rent.

DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE Spearhead, PG, 1920

JOHN BARRYMORE, at the peak of his theatrical career when he made this film in New York, walks away with the available honours, changing from the shy, studious Jekyll into the rampag-ing Hyde with only the slightest help from camera trickery. The production around him is somewhat stodgy, apart from some expressionist lighting and the passing atmosphere of London



Blown away: more murder and mayhem in Die Hard with a Vengeance, the third part of the Die Hard trilogy

squalor. Directed by John S. Robertson, a major figure at the time but largely forgotten now.

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL Entertainment, 15, 1996
THE LIFE and loves of Robert

Redford, saintly television newsroom boss, and his new star reporter, Michelle Pfeiffer. Director Jon Avnet recreates a television studio with lots of razzle-dazzle, but the bustle only accentuates the paper-thin script, which follows the path of that old Hollywood classic, A Star is Born, Individually. Pfeiffer and Redford offer assorted pleasures; together, they strike no sparks, no matter how close up and personal they get. Available to rent.

 WUTHERING HEIGHTS Cinema Club, U, 1939 GOLDWYN'S 1939 production is not to be watched side by side with the

book (only the first 17 chapters are covered), but as a fat slice of Hollywood Gothic romance there is much to enjoy. Laurence Olivier's rugged power as Heathcliff compensates for the limpness of Merle Oberon's heroine: and Gregg Toland's photographic recreation of the Yorkshire moors is a least for the eyes. William Wyler directs with his usual care.

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ship now shows that Leonore I actually postdates II and III).
What ultimately justifies this selection — which also includes the overtures to Coriolan, The Creatures of Prometheus, The Ruins of Athens and Egmont - is the imagination, and rapid interurgency and drama of Harnoncourt's direction, and the excitement evoked by the

wind and pungent brass.

John Higgins **MUZART** Don Giovanni Brewer/Focile/Lott/ Skovhus/Corbelli/

Chimmo/SCO/ Mackertas Telarc CD 80420 (3 CDs) *** TELARCS: Don Giavanni eclinses several versions using far grander forces. For that much of the credit goes to the effervescence of Charles Mackerras and his Scottish players. There is plenty of

brimstone as Giovanni is dragged down to hell. But before then the Mackerras touch is as nimble as it is graceful, full of theatrical know-how. Mozart has been cast with

> play between the singers characterises the set. The young Danish baritone Bo a facets of Giovanni: rebel, low-. er, egotist, fighter. There is an: occasional touch of vibrato, but Skovius turns in a swashbuckling performance. Alessandro Corbelli, by contrast, offers a stroppy and comic Leporello. His long experience in Rossini stands him in excellent stead and he makes the Act II sextet of confusionsound as though it came from

the pen of that master. Felicity Lott knows all about Elvira. Her singing is so alluring that it is difficult to imagine anyone throwing her over, unless it be for Nuccia Focile's saucy Zerlina. Mackerras follows Mozart in risking the same bass for Masetto and the Commendature. Umberto Chiummo, currently an outstanding Figaro for Glyndebourne Touring Opera, does not let him down.

Both the Anna of Christine Brewer and the Ottavio of Jerry Hadley are vocally a bit stiff in this company. But with so much verve around, the set wins its third star.

Hilary Finch.

■ GYORGY KURTAG Music for Strings Keller Quartet

ECM 1598:453 258-2*** POLLOWING hard on the heels of Ondine's excellent new recording of Gyorgy Kurtiag's Kafka Fragments by soprano Anu Komsi and her husband Sakari Oramo (ODE 868-2), ECM has honoured the Hungarian composer in this, his seventieth year, with an equally valuable recital of his music for strings.

For this revelatory compilation of quartets, canons and musical tributes, there could

scarcely be better performers than Hungary's fine Keller Quartet, joined by cellist Mikios Perenyi and by Kurtág himself at the celesta. This combination is heard in the two versions of the Ligatura-Message to Frances-Marie (The answered unanswered question), a work in which the cellist bows under and over and two distant violins laserbeam into the darkness.

The unique treasure of Kurtag's voice, unwavering. unwasteful and minutely expressive, is distilled in works such as the 12 Mikroludes for String Quartet which form his Hommage à Mihaly Andras; Webern is movingly honoured in Officium Breve, and the two remaining quartets, from 1959 ("the starting point ... of an entire life work") and from 1991, offer prismatic and hauntingly beautiful glimpses into Kurtag's musical world.

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There was something of this in Dickens and Thackeray and a great deal more in Trollope. By contrast there was practically nothing in Jane Austen. Just as peers were remote deities in her societies where the arrival of a younger son of a baronet was sufficient to creute frissons, so MPs were equally outside the horizons of Mansfield Park and Kellynch Hall.

Disraeli's fiction was obviously dripping with parliamentary scenes. but, considerable novelist although he was, he did not come near rivalling Trollope as a chronicler of political life. (It could of course be riposted that Disraeli did more than chronicle the dramas of politics; he made them, with a cool insolent courage which left Phineas Finn or Plantagenet Palliser standing).

However none of the fiction of these two mid-19th century novelists gets into this book. There are only two glancing references to Trollope. Nor do 20th-century novelists do any better. Waugh is never mentioned. Admittedly he never got nearer to the House of Commons than to look down on it from White's, but his two parliamentary characters (Box-Bender in Sword Of Honour and Rex Monram in Brideshead, in fact essentially the same man, a sort of amalgam of Robert Boothby and Brendan Bracken, with maybe a touch of Randolph Churchill) were richly offensive portraits. And there is nothing either from those who in the last few decades have deliberately set out to write parliamentary fiction: Maurice Edelman, Wilfred Fienburgh, Edwina Curric and Douglas Hurd in one or two of his

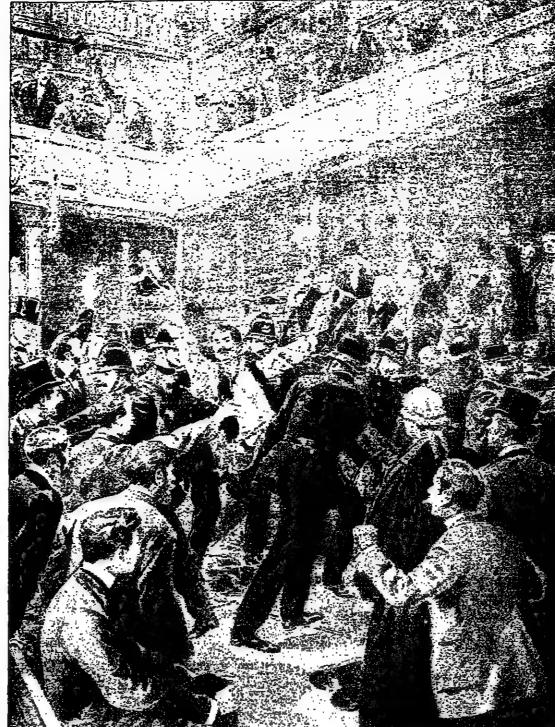
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led with style, scholarship, and discrimination a selection of thoughts about Parliament and descriptions of famous events within its walls, mostly by MPs themselves or by those who were the regular and professional commentators on its proceedings. He chooses his excerpts with skill and erudition. and allows them to run long enough to be proper descriptive pieces and not just quotable snippets. He also shines lights from different angles onto events of sufficient interest to justify multiple treatment.

The result is often seriously informative. For instance, there were two notorious scenes of major disorder in what might be called the high classical parliamentary period. The first was in 1893 towards the end of the Committee Stage of Gladstone's second Home Rule Bill when a highly provocative remark of Joseph Chamberlain led to a return cry of "Judas" from T. P. O'Connor, and within a minute or so to a mass of about 40 lighting and writhing members in the well of the House in front of the table. Gladstone referred to it as "last night's catastrophe".

The second was in July, 1911, when Asquith endeavoured to set out to the House his reasons for having secured the assent of the King for the creation of up to 500 new peers to assure the passage of the Parliament Bill. For a full half hour, a Prime Minister was unprecedentedly prevented from addressing a single audible word to the House by an organised chant of "traitor, traitor, traitor". F. E. Smith and Lord Hugh Cecil were the ring leaders. As a biographer of Gladstone and Asquith, I thought I knew well these two stories. Yet I find that after reading Silvester's book. I know to be elected, regarded being a



Riotous scenes of days gone by: Irish nationalists are ejected from the House in March, 1901

Despite my citation of these two unfortunate and even squalid incidents, the volume is on the whole a pacan of praise to the British Parliament in its heyday. The work-ing assumption of its members, both those who succeeded and those who did not, as well as of those who reported its proceedings, was that it was the greatest deliberative assembly in the world, a jewel in Britain's crown, and revered as such by a

grateful people. Even those who gently satirised Parliament did so against a background of affection and respect. Trollope, who tried unsuccessfully

which could possibly befall a man", and Harold Nicolson, although he was incomparably a better writer than he was a politician, recorded that, after he had lost his seat, he could never go near Westminster at night and see shining the light above Big Ben, which indicated that the House was still sitting, without experiencing a twinge of dismay that he was no longer a member.

The style and opportunities of the sketch writers were very different in earlier days. Their work was supplemented by extensive straight reporting. They were not required to be mocking at all costs. And they were given much more space, even in the published many years later. But popular papers. William Barkley these are quibbles. It is a splendid

the Daily Express with up to 1,500 words a parliamentary day for nearly 40 years, which were, in the optimistic words of Lord Beaverbrook, "a morning joy for nearly four million homes". Gone is the spaciousness, but gone too are "the

There are one or two errors of designation or date, but where so much fascinating information is provided an occasional lapse is inevitable. A little more serious is the frequent failure to give the date of an incident where the description of it is in a volume of memoirs was for instance allowed to provide and highly readable anthology.

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INTELLIGENT

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GUIDE TO PHILOSOPHY

By Roger Scruton

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rs been done before, of course. In 1801, for exam-ple, Johann Gottlieb Fichte published A Report, Clear as the Sun, for the General Public on the Real Essence of the Latest Philosophy: An Attempt to compel the Reader to Understand

Scruton eschews strongarm tactics, but he is usually as clear as the sun. "This book ... attempts to teach philoso-phy by doing it," Scruton announces in the first chapter. "Although I refer to the great philosophers, I give no reli-able guide to their ideas." Actually, Scruton has considerable talent in condensing the complex arguments and ideas of the masters. Though

son's Guide to Philosophy should be properiy entitled An son's (With Lots of Time to Spare) Guide to Philosophy ness belies the

Scruton's Modern Philosophy (1994) remains the over-lord of philosophy primers, so what does the Frog-bashing. fox-hunting thinker have to offer here? The Intelligent Guide revists much of the same territory (Foucault and Lyotard get slapped around) but the scope is wider; the book is a sort of evening with Roger Scruton in which poetry, music and animal behaviour get a strong look-in. Scruton is at his best packaging giants like Descartes. Kant, Hegel and Wittgenstein, which he does meticulously and arousingly, though there are moments of sudden acceleration in which the intellectual G-forces can press the

reader back into his chair. I hazard a guess that a statement such as: "Dogs, apes and bears have desires, but they do not make choices" will guarantee him a lively reception in zoology depart-ments. It may well be that there is some barrier setting us aside from the rest of the work of E.O. Wilson and others, it's risky to loose off

The chapter on sex offers some of the densest language: "sexual arousal has, then, an epistemic and interpersonal internationality." (I'm still thinking about that one.) This chapter also has some hazy thinking (which certainly had me yelling in the manner of an audience at a pantomime, "oh, no it isn't " to some of Scruton's arguments) and a confusion of love and sex: "to someone agitated by his desire for Jane. it is ridiculous to say. "Take Henrietta, she will do just as well." It depends. I'd say if Henrietta is better looking. better in bed, wants her sister to join in and has a yacht in the Bahamas, someone might well be prepared to transfer

problem here is that this chapter, like most of the others. shouldn't be just read but

"I should not like my writing to spare other people the trou-ble of thinking. But, if possible,

own," is what Wittgenstein put in the preface to Philophical Investigations. This is the essence of all good philosophy and Scruton's goal. Philosophy isn't the only way of learning to think, but it is one of the best, and philosophy has no better salesman

oing philosophy on your own, however, is like doing karate on your own: ultimately there's no substitute for full contact. The Intelligent Guide nevertheless contains wonderful award for this and the excel-

lence of its other titles). But it is the clash of ideas, just as with the collisions in a particle accelerator, that reveals the constituents and the strength of your thoughts. It is a pity that Scruton doesn't include his phone number. because he is, in effect, standing on the other side of the pitch along with Descartes, Kant and Wittgenstein chanting: come and have a go if you

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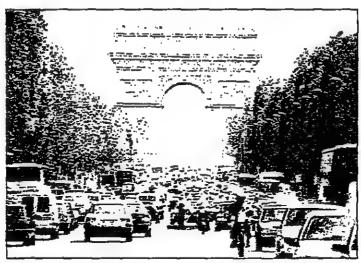
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CHANGING TIMES

To shoot the political rapids

fter eight years in Washington as corres-pondent of *The Guard*ian, Martin Walker under-stands the United States far better than many American journalists. In this new biography of President Clinton, he paints a vivid portrait not only of the Friends of Bill who came to the capital from Little Rock in 1993 to shape the new Administration but also of the seamy, semi-tropical political subculture from which he and

they sprang. He understands how lucky Bill Clinton has been, noting correctly that he would never have survived the New Hampshire primary if the opposition had not been so feckless - if Bob Kerrey had run a competent campaign, or if Mario Cuomo or Al Gore had summoned the nerve to run. And he understands how Bill Clinton's luck of discipline (in matters sexual as well as political) is balanced by an indomitable will that has carried him through a career

filled with crises. Walker's book takes the reader into the Clinton political headquarters during the 1992 campaign, disclosing details about staff and strategy that show how the Presidency was won. It reports on the tugof-war that developed between Clinton's Oxford and Little Rock friends on the one hand and his political advisers on the other, and how James Carville, the Cajun populist, had to watch the inauguration

A FRIEND, to whom the

nameless narrator of Yann

Martel's Self (Faber, 58.99,

ISBN 0 571 17840 5) confides

the subject of her first play,

comments that "I hope this

isn't autobiographical", a jus-

illiable flippancy considering

it concerns a woman who falls

in love with a door. But a friend to whom Martel

showed this first novel might

express a more genuine alarm, since its defining event — indeed, almost the only

event in a novel packed with

incident — is the narrator's change of sex at the age of 18.

Up until then. Martel provides an account of a boy

growing up, primarily in Can-

ada but also in France and

Costa Rica. After his parents'

sudden deaths, he takes a trip

to Portugal, where his acne



President Clinton looks ahead on the campaign trail

R. W. Apple, Jnr

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not from a choice seat but on television at home. That was a telling moment; the first days of the Administration were a mess partly because the Ar-kansas mafia failed to protect the new President from political boobytraps.

But this is a book that specialises in giving Clinton the benefit of the doubt. That is foretold in the introduction. where Walker touts his friendship with Sidney Blumenthal, Special Political Correspondent for The New Yorker and a cheerleader for the

Clintons. So while extended treatment is given here to the Whitewater affair and other standals, relatively little is made of the Clintons' bobbing and weaving as they sought to cover up. It is not necessary to embrace far-fetched theories regarding Vince Foster's death to see that both Clintons, and especially the President, are notably economical with the truth, or that they are inept judges of political associates. It was surely the President's fault, not just the poisonous gift of late, that so many people in his Administration went to jail or faced investigation by special prosecutors. Walker tends to blame it on a conspiracy by right-wing ele-

ments in the press. More important, I think. Walker misunderstands the state of play in the Democratic Party and the electorate as a whole. "The old Democrats."

achieved what they set out to do, and had for a generation suffered from a general bafflement about what to do next." Well, no. They had not solved the problem of poverty in America, nor the problem of racism, to choose two of the great goals of "old Democrats" like John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, and they had alienated the voters in trying. The problems remained but they had neither the means nor new ideas to solve them. At times, Clinton under-

stands this, as in his campaign for re-election, which has been marked by only the most modest new initiatives and, notably, by his acceptance of a welfare "reform" that has infuriated many liberal backers. At times he does not, as when he and Hillary Clinton grossly overestimated the force of his electoral mandate, chose a largely discredited social engineer named Ira Magaziner to help them reform the nation's health care system and came up with a plan so preposter-ously complicated that even the President could not fathom it, It failed not because of nefarious entrenched interests or a hostile press but because the Clintons overreached. His (their) comeback began only when Dick Morris came back on board and the President scaled down his plans.

R. W. Apple Jnr is Washing-ton Bureau Chief of The New York Times.

Woolf at the door

clears, his chest hair falls out, and he wakes up one morning as a woman.

The shock of the event is compounded by the calmness with which the narrator takes it. But one searches in vain for any guiding purpose, such as an exploration of the artificiality of gender roles. At most, it might be seen as an hommage to Virginia Woolf, the poet laureate of self (although, even at its most self-referential. Orlando maintains a narra-

tive drive). Martel's method proves to be counter-productive. Self is so solipsistic that even the sexchange carries little weight. It makes no difference whether the narrator is a man or a

woman; all that counts is that he or she is. Throughout, the narrative voice remains constant: descriptions of menstruation replace those of masturbation; while the feminist sentiments which are expressed on a Turkish holiday might just as easily come from an enlightened man.

THEN, AFTER 250 pages, the novel springs to life. The narrator falls in love with Tito, an Hungarian immigrant. At last, Martel creates a second character rather than simply itemising him and develops emotions as well as percentions. This is followed by a powerfully delineated rape. during which what has previ-

ously been a typographical trick (the use of split pages to convey different languages) becomes a vivid expression of a fragmented self.

The book's saving graces are Martel's breezy style and witty insights. But they come at a high price. Background information litters the foreground, with far too many lists, travelogues and synopses of abortive fictions. The narrator's perceptions are too rarely tested against anything other than the reader's sympathies.
Unlike other 20th-century metamorphoses, Self's is not metaphorical. Given the acclaim for Martel's previously published stories, one can only presume that its pointlessness is the point.

MICHAEL ARDITTI

Peter Ackroyd is inspired by the life of a novelist who challenged social conventions and changed the course of English fiction

hen a cast of her head was shown to a celebrated phrenol-ogist, he believed it to be that of a man. Charles Dickens, in one of his many fits of petulance against other writers, described her as the ugliest woman in London. He ought to have. added that she was also the cleverest, but he would never have admitted the great theme of this biography — George Eliot is possibly the most resourceful novelist

in the English language. Mary Anne Evans was born and aised in what she called fat central England". She was a serious, even severe, young woman who took up. Calvinism with all the fervid intensity which marked her later attachments and beliefs. On her first visit to London, she bought as a souvenir Josephus's History of the Jews. But the promptings of genius are stronger than the dictates of even the most religious conscience, and before her 21st birthday she confessed to an "ever struggling ambition. That ambition was being regularly thwarted in the Midlands, of course, and at one concert in Birmingham she had the good sense to

At the age of 23 she renounced her Christianity and alienated her father by refusing to attend divine service. But even though she had become a free thinker, she was by no means a free spirit; she kept on falling in love with older or married men, only to be rebuffed in the most painful mariner. She wished to be loved rather than admired and the

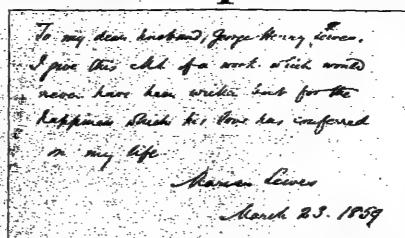
Above the dead provincial level

. A Life

By Rosemary Ashton Hamish Hamilton, £25 · ISBN 0241 134730.

passionate intensity of her nature threat-

ened to make her look ridiculous. Her career as a writer began, typicall with her translation of Strauss's The Life of Jesus Critically Examined. She might have remained a blue-stocking from Coventry, but the death of her father also released her, she travelled to London, and promptly fell in love with George Chapman. He did not return her advances but, in more than a fair exchange installed her as the clandestine editor of his Westminster Review. She was obscured simply because a respect-able periodical could not be edited by an unmarried woman, but she did find herself at the centre of a group of liberal progressive" writers who set the tone of mid-century English culture. One of those writers particularly impressed Marian, as she now styled herself, and her illicit relationship with George Henry Lewes became the central if also the most sensational fact of her life.



Eliot's dedication to George Lewes on the manuscript of Adam Bede

position of having already written a ography of Lewes, so she is particularly good on the human and social detail surrounding this indiscreet partnership. Marian herself was branded by her enemies as a mad woman gone beyond all shame, and she was altogether shunned from what could then justly be called polite society.

Rosemary Ashton is in the fortunate Her great fame began with the publica-istion of having already written a tion, in ISSO, of Adam Bede; it was only her second book, but it was one of those rare achievements in which freshness of perception and inventiveness of style change the nature of fiction itself. She understood that ideas can wonderfully furnish a work of fiction - not ideas in some nebulous abstract form but, rather, those deeply embedded within the struc-

Rosemary Ashton makes a very suggestive connection with The Mill on the Floss, where the narrator speaks of "the onward tendency of human things" at

precisely the moment Darwin published The Origin of Species.

Yet her own life was resonant with stirrings and impulses which quite match the larger movements of the world, and Rosemary Ashton provides a sympathetic description of her "intolerble situation which simply had to be tolerated. She also gives a convincing account of her subject's temperament George Eliot was sensitive and diffident, yet at the same time stubbornly independent. She wrote of her "isolation" or "excommunication" from the world and she was prone to morbid self-depreciation. The wonder is that she could write novels instinct with what her biographer calls "sympathy, humour and genius".

Her liction is not always of the same intensity. She went through a difficult "middle" period with the publication of Romola and Felix Holt. But these only represent a different kind of genius, as if she were mustering all her strength for Middlemarch and Daniel Deronda. Her life might even be seen as a parable for other writers, with her steadiness of purpose and intensity of concentration fastidious yet hungry ambition".

Hers was a great career, then, coming to its fulfilment in two of the greatest works of English fiction. She said that in Daniel Demnda she had wished "to widen the English vision a little", and she succeeds marvellously in a book which combines a Jamesian sense of the social world with a transcendent vision of the "life that can shiver and mourn, be comforted and rejoice".

he once described her writing as "a set of experiments in life", but she was accustomed to experiment with her life as well. Just over a year after the death of Lewes, for example, she married a man 20 years her junior. John Cross adored her, but even her closest acquaintances were more than a little surprised at the spectacle of an elderly lady novelist throwing herself into the arms of a relatively young man. But why should she, who created the unexpected event in her fiction, not perform a similar feat in her life? She also once remarked that denouements can be unreasonable - perhaps that is why, on their honeymoon in Venice, John Cross leapt

into the Grand Canal. The incident has never been properly explained, and it can only be supposed that it is not safe to sleep in the same bed as one's idols. She was the most extraordinary Englishwoman of her century, and this latest biography brings the painful drama of her existence properly to life.

Prometheus singed by his own flame

Michael Gove on a politician

whose career

was damaged

by conviction

noch Powell was not so much a prophet as an obstacle on the Conservative Party's journey to its current hegernony. Free-market thinking and the desire to preserve the nation's independence domi-nate political debate despite, not because, of the influence of the Black Country seer. Mr Powell is one of the most

impressive political thinkers and powerful orators the Conservative Party can boast this won the 1970 election for the Tories and lost both the 1974 polls for them. He can also lairn in his advocacy of iberal economics and his warnings at the time of British entry to the then EEC, to have been a political Prometheus. But rather than irrigating the Tory party his ideology was seen as polluted by his stance.

on immigration.

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Enoch Powell's 1968 prophecy of "rivers of blood" flowing from racial violence has not come to pass: a hoarding on Nariman Point depicts Bombay's reaction to his call for assisted repatriation

sympathy than he accords to excellent interim study. Mr Powell. He has also been handicapped by a lack of access to the man and his papers. That honour has been reserved for Simon Heffer, the biographer of Thomas Carlyle, and any definitive judgment of Fowell's life and thus Mr Shepherd's book must wait until Mr Heffer's work ispublished. Nevertheless. Mr Shepherd's biography is an

He deals elegantly with Mr Powell's early life and influences. He traces the roots of Mr Powell's distinctive oracular style to the courts of Trinity College, Cambridge where the grammar school boy from Wolverhampton made himself apprentice to the Classical critic A. E. Housman, Housman's precision of thought and expression allied to a flerce moral energy came from what Mr Powell himself has called "the inner furnace of ** TIMES - BOOKSHOP passion for truth and logical thought and indignation against every interest of influence which could corrupt it." The flames from that same furnace occasionally flashed can place book chieshy)) addi-reviolate succiona de W behind Mr Powell's eyes as he

or Ulster, for the sake of some cocrupting influence. Mr Powell was part of the same postwar political generation, the class of 1950, as Iain Macleod, Ted Heath, Reginald Maudling and Robert Carr. Along with others of that generation, Powell seemed to accept the collectivist case for Labour's larger state and the lack of faith in Britain's Empire and power that found agonised expression at Suez. But although Powell contrib-uted to the One Nation pamphlet in 1950 that argued

saw logic twisted, on Europe

of social security has been built at last" and although, as early as 1954, he had rejected the British Empire he was swept along by no tide but the force of his own thought.

He was always, as a backbencher, a supporter of free markets and within four months of the Tories winning the 1951 election he was criticising Chancellor Rab Butler for adopting policies too simi-

> **ENOCH POWELL** By Robert Shepherd -Hutchinson, 525 ISBN 009 179200 B

lar to the socialists. Although, like Sir Keith Joseph, he was never as rigorous in office his intellectual commitment to the

of the Attlee reforms, "the wall

But the time it has taken for his analysis to prevail has been so long because of the most fateful prophecy he utlered. Mr Powell's anti-immigration 1968 "Rivers of Blood" speech may have been meant as a sincere warning but, as Mr Shepherd points out, it was sprung on Shadow Cabi-

ed of darker motives, possibly of seeking to appropriate a genuine but regrettable racial feeling in a bid for power. In market was resilient. the end his prophecy has not come to pass and the civil war

Powell's abandonment of imperialism did not lead him. as it did so many in his party. into a search for the chimera of "influence", whether in Brus-sels or Washington, but into a deeper appreciation of how the nation and its people should survive. Mr Powell's understanding of sovereignty, his appreciation of the place of Parliament and his recognition that ancient liberties and intelligible rule depended on nobody usurping that sovereignty led him to oppose entry to the Common Market and gypt has the longest hours in the world," signs Aunt Flora as argue for the securing of Ulster fully into the United she sits lethargically in the Kingdom. In both cases his logic was impeccable and he shade waiting for the blisterhas the bitter satisfaction of ing sun to dip below the seathe sibyl in seeing his warnings vindicated. filled horizon, and for velvety night to envelop Alexandria. But however long the hours,

time in Egypt is running out, for Aunt Flora's family at Out of Egypt is Andre Aciman's lushly evocative memoir of a childhood spent enddled in the bosom of a vast. flamboyant Sephardi Jewish family in Alexandria in the 1950s. It was the fortuitous net colleagues as a surprise, quoted from inflammatory friendship between Great-uncle Isaac and the future King and unverifiable letters and delivered in apocalyptic tones. Fouad which brought the family from Constantinople to Mr Powell must be suspect-Alexandria in the first place in

> But now everything has changed, even if Great-grand-mother has yet to be told. The Egyptian monarchy has been deposed, replaced by the pugnaciously nationalistic Nasser. With the creation of Israel, Jews are not safe in Arab countries any more. And the Acimans, confronted with the prospect of losing yet another fortune, are clinging frantically to an "old world we believed we belonged to because we belonged nowhere else." Humane, funny and mov

Life

Natasha **Fairweather**

OUT OF EGYPT By André Aciman Harvill, E15.99 ISBN 186040 268.5

ing. Aciman re-creates the lost

world which he loved with the skills of a novelist, interweaving the opulent past with the impoverished present and drawing on a colourful supporting cast of friends and servants. Dominating everything is the family's preposterous snobbery, usually expressed in vivid Landino insults. Tracing their ancestry from the Sephardim of Spain. they look down on Ashkenazis. and even further on Arab Jews. So when Aciman's father, Henri, falls in love with the daughter of a Jew from Aleppo who is deaf to boot, the family is appalled.

Life for the boy-author is not easy with Gigi for a mother. There are the regular outbursts of rage, expressed by a blood-curdling shriek or flail-ing blows, whenever "Al-Carsha" (the deaf woman) feels herself mocked by a shopkeeper or undermined by the family. And then there is her voice, which sounds un-bearably crude and loud in the presence of his school friends. A voice which, when they are alone, emits "words of love no one can understand, for they weren't even words, just sounds reaching back into her childhood to a time when she couldn't even speak - half words which she sometimes velled out in the water when we swam together, her voice mulfled by the sound of waves. thinned of its coarseness, kind

as a seagull's." But as André grudgingly goes through the motions of a Passover seder (in French. because he speaks no Hebrew) on the eve of his family's personal exodus from Egypt, Israel does not seem to be the promised land. The boy who wanted to be an amhassador, but did not know which country he belonged to, is heading West, via France and Italy, 10 5 life as an academic in America; and to a future as a writer of quite exceptional skills.

A principled woman or perhaps she was not

Aphra Behn have followed an erratic course. High at her death in 1689 (shortly after the accession of William III) they fell away over the centuries to become virtually valueless. Then in the 1970s, a path-finding biography by Maureen Duffy, followed by that of Angeline Goreau, drew popular attention once more to the extraordinary potential of a stock which featured "the first woman to earn her living by writing" as Aphra is generally described.

Ten years ago a group of us crouched round a gravestone in the cloisters of Westminster Abbey one freezing night in writing on it had, like Aphra's reputation, virtually vanished. Now it had been recut, thanks Antonia Fraser

THE SECRET LIFE OF APHRA BEHN By Janet Todd André Deutsch, £25 ISBN 0 233 98991 9

to the generosity of Texan fans and the energy of Maureen Duffy. Once again we could read the lines: "Here lies a Proof that Wit can never be/ Defence enough against Mortality." In another generous gesture, in 1989, Germaine Greer published at her own expense The Uncollected Verse of Aphra Behn. It seems that Aphra's legendary wit has finally succeeded in defending itself against mortality.

Nevertheless, as a heroine Aphra Behn does present

problems. First, for scholars, there is the fact that so very little is known about her for sure. The second problem concerning Aphra needs deli-cate handling by feminists. The fact was that Aphra Behn had more in common with Margaret Thatcher than it is comfortable to admit. That is, she was a High Tory with a low opinion of her fellow women, ascribing her talent to the "Masculine Part" in her (as Mrs Thatcher presented her-

he feared is nowhere in sight.

Moreover, Mr Powell's speech

denied him political respect-

ability and denuded his other

ideas of intellectual respect-ability. It was no easy task for

Margaret Thatcher to rescue

defence of free markets and

free nations from association

with Mr Powell's tainted plat-

form. It is to his, and Britain's.

regret that it should be so.

self as an honorary man). Dr Janet Todd's new biography grapples with both problems, as at over 500 pages it should certainly do. Her method of handling the many uncertainties surrounding Aphra's career is to speculate, speculate and speculate again. It is true that Dr Todd announces in advance that this is



Aphra Behn: mysterious

what she proposes to do and pleads for our pardon. "All I can hope is that the reader, the one Aphra Behn cajoles as her Good, Sweet, Sugar-Candied Reader', will begin this biography with 'perhaps' and 'possibly and end it murmuring 'probably'." Unfortunately too much speculation can have a numbing effect, detracting from Dr Todd's genuinely original scholarship.

This Sugar-Candied Reader for one got quite exhausted by the use of the words "perhaps" and "possibly", and was irrev-erently reminded of the title of a Placido Domingo collection of popular songs Perhaps Love to which one critic responded "Perhaps Not". Sentences like the following — and there are many such - do not really advance our understanding of Aphra very far. "Given the later closeness of the halfbrothers, Thomas Colepeper is likely to have visited (Lord) Strangford for considerable periods at Penshurst. Possibly e took with him the girl, Aphra. whose mother may have helped fill the gap of his own lost parent...
This is a shame, not only

because it inflates the book unnecessarily, but also because it distracts Dr Todd from her chosen task of analysing the works to find the woman. Here she is able to make a number of percipient points. especially concerning Aphra's attitude to "lustfulness" in mature women, Todd deriving the conclusion that Aphra

herself thought sex was for enjoyment in its own right, not as a prelude to love or ro-mance. Similarly. Dr Todd handles Aphra's Tory politics and her sycophancy to the incoming regime when James Il lost power with intelligence. Her dislike of the mob she ascribes to a playwright's disgust with the audience (are all playwrights natural Tories then?). As for Aphra's fawning salutation to the supplanter of James (her "God-like Patron") Dr Todd argues that she was merely earning a living "in as principled a way as she could" which was not of course very principled. In short, she was acting just like the men around her.



Bargains of the week — from a rum festival in the British Virgin Islands to a fly-drive break in Catalonia

HOTELS

THE Grosvenor House in London is cutting its rates by 40 per cent in the first three months of 1997. Single and double rooms now cost £130 and £145 respectively. Details:

- CHOOSE and buy your Christmas presents while staying at the Sloane Hotel in Chelsea. This town-house hotel, with room rates from £130 a night, sells most antiques to be found in its rooms, such as a Limoges soap dish for ELS or an Edwardian cigar box for £60,
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- ENJOY a three-course dinner at the Haycock Hotel, Wansford, near Peterborough, between December 27 and 30 and January I and 5, and stay overnight for £15 a person. Details: 01780 782223.
- A TRADITIONAL Victorian Christmas is on offer at the Oakley Court Hotel, set in 35 acres along the River Thames near Windsor. Price is £435 a person to cover full

board for three days and special seasonal entertainments, with a trip to the pantomime or river cruise included. Details: 01753

- A COMPLIMENTARY bottle of champagne will await returning shoppers from the new year sales staying at the Gloucester Hotel in South Kensington. The package is available throughout January and costs £109 for two people a night. Minimum stay two nights. Details: 0171-373 6030.
- A 50 per cent discount on minibar charges is offered as part of the "business bonus" package at the Conrad International Hotel in Hong Kong, valid until February 28 next year. Rates start at £243 a room a night, and include limousine transfers, room upgrades and laundry. Details: 0990 445866.
- THE Grand Hotel du Cap Ferrat, between Nice and Monte Carlo, has a special offer until the end of April next year (excluding Christmas and Easter) of £356 a person for two nights, including hire car or airport transfers, lunch or dinner and other extras. Details: 0800 398852.
- THE television chef Richard Cawley, of the BBC2 programme Ready Steady Cook, is guesting at the Lanes Restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel in Park Lane from November 11 to 17. Details: 0171-199
- THE four-star De Vere Hotel in Swindon, Wiltshire, has a special go-karting weekend offer in Nov-ember at £65 a person a night, through Superbreak Mini-Holi-days. The price includes half-board accommodation, along with tuition and practice sessions at a local go-kart track. Details: 0161-238 5257.

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- and return flights. Price: £849 a person. Details: 0171-581 3517.
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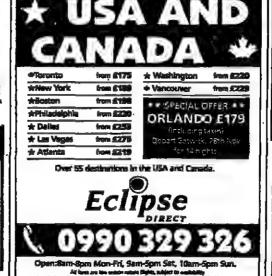
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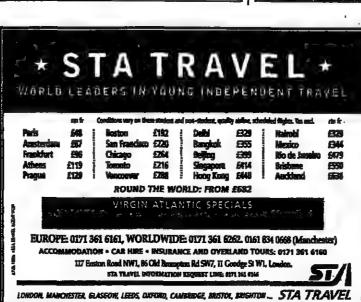
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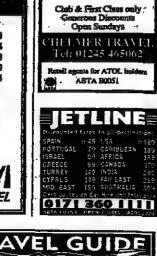
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Bring on the new jets

the bedside clock burnt their brain that it was 05:54 on Saturday: the day I was sup-posed to be able to lie abed. But the noise of a large jet aircraft flying seemingly a few feet immediately above my rooftop had broken my slumber. I have had little sympathy, in this column, for noise protesters, arguing that anyone who chooses to live under a flight path can hardly complain when aircraft fly overhead. But then I am generally not troubled by Africall noise

Recently, however, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of noisy jets early in the morning. So I decided to find out more about my sleep wrecker and those that followed before the

My intruder was shown by the radar-linked computers in the Gatwick Noise Office to have been BA flight 232 from Bermuda, a 16-year-old DC-10 with 182 souls on board due to arrive at Gatwick at 06:50 but which had been blown across the Atlantic quicker than normal by strong winds.

It crossed my house at a comfortable 6,900ft. But wea ther conditions and the pilot's need to change speed resulted in a blast of sound aimed at Haywards Heath. Between five and seven o'clock that morning, there were 28 arrivale and departures at Gatwick, II of which flew over Haywards Heath. The Noise Office explained that recent



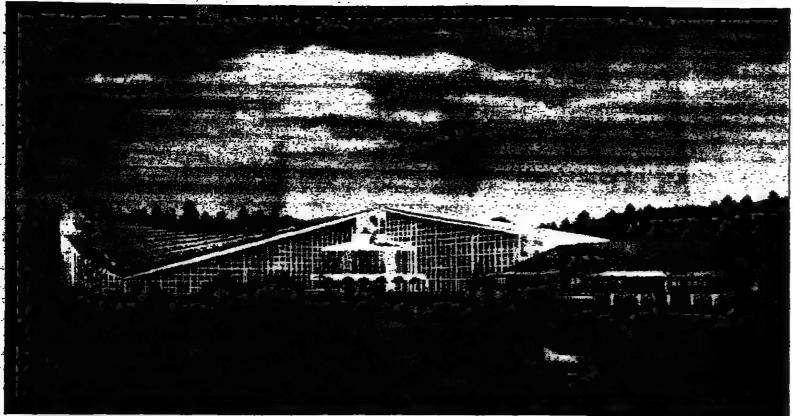
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mirrors the growth in flights.
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and many are finally able to afford newer, quieter fleets. They should be encouraged to buy new jets — and soon. A voluntary agreement reached now, setting a noise limit for inbound flights that is acceptable both to local people and the airline industry, is preferable to the complete ban on night flights being demanded with increasing ferocity.

The Heritage Secretary calls, below, for more help for the leisure industry and, right, points out how it may be failing tourism



Lakeland Village in the Lake District, and opening in the spring, will offer accommodation at prices such as £164 for a family of four staying four nights

Britain opens the door to more holiday villages

HOLIDAY villages, which are increas-ing in number and attracting hundreds of thousands of families, received Government backing in a speech by Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heri-

She called on planning authorities to work in partnership with the leisure industry to encourage such developments only a day after the High Court had given the go-ahead for a controver-sial £100 million scheme in Kent.

Mrs Bottomley told a planning and tourism conference that the authorities should take into account the needs of the tourism industry and the economic and employment benefits it offers. She said: "There are good examples of local planning authorities working in partnership with the private sector

to help bring on-stream the sort of new. developments, such as all-weather holiday centres, that we need to meet changing consumer demand. I would commend this to other authorities." Kent County Council and the local

Shepway council had supported plans by Oasis Villages, part of the Rank leisure group, for a 430-acre village in an area of outstanding natural beauty rt were opposed by an action group and the Countryside Commission.

A Government planning inspector ruled that the benefits of the village, which will accommodate 4,300 guests, outweighed any environmental harm and his decision was upheld in the High Court earlier this week.
The decision and Mrs Bottomley's

encouraging words are likely to pave the way for further villages. The Kent site will be the fifth to be built in Britain and the second developed by Oasis. The company will open its first village for 3,500 visitors in the Lake

District this spring to rival the three already in operation by Center Parcs. Both companies are keeping future plans close to their chests but Julie Gould, a spokeswoman for Oasis Villages, said: "Research by our company and the English Tourist Board ests that there is demand in the United Kingdom for between six and

eight holiday villages.
"The existing ones have been running 90 per cent full this summer, showing there is a pent-up demand for

this type of product." The company launched the brochure for its Lakeland village last week and says it is delighted with the response.

The village offers a range of accommodation, from one-bedroom apartments to four-bedroom suites. Prices for a family of four in a two-bedroom lodge start at El64 for a midweek stay of four nights and three-night weekend breaks in a three-bedroom detached lodge cost £269. Features include a "world of water", a lake offering water sports, a country club with squash courts, snooker tables, plus a gym and a health centre

James Whittell, managing director of Oasis Villages, said: "Our concept is based on the ever-increasing demand for a quality short break that offers quiet enjoyment of the countryside."

Young people need training for tourism

BRITAIN'S tourist industry risks losing out to other it resolves problems of poor pay and training, according to report for the National Heritage Department, published yesterday.

Hotels and restaurants will not attract quality applicants for jobs unless young people can be urged to treat the career prospect.

According to the report. hased on research by the accountants Coopers & Lybrand and the London Busitourism in Britain increased by 5.9 per cent each year between 1980 and 1992 the European average was 8 per cent It said: "In an increasingly competetive intthe quality and value for money of our tourist product customers' expectation."

The report goes on to state that 45 per cent of full-time staff and 74 per cent of part-timers had received no jobrelated training. The figures gave "cause for concern", as 55 per cent of all staff are parttime. Employers believed the low profile and poor image of the industry deterred many youngsters from seeking a career in it. Skill shortages had been exposed at craft level, particularly for chefs.

Average earnings are 40 per cent lower than in the rest of the service sector. Despite such drawbacks the tourism industry continues to grow and over the next ten years it is is estimated that empk ment will increase by 400,000. Launching the report yes-terday. Virginia Bottomley. the Heritage Secretary, said:

"If we are to continue the



Mrs Bottomley: urging a co-ordinated programme

current growth and keep up that the industry attracts, motivates, develops and retains people who will build up a first-class workforce. We must get the message across, particularly to young people, that this is an industry that can offer early responsibility, flexibility, variety and real opportunity and reward.

The payoff, in terms of increased customer satisfaction, is clear. One employer found that an initiative-combining training and performance measurement led to a 50 per cent reduction in complaints and a 400 per cent increase in compliments. By making a concerted effort, we can start the process of developing a first class-service culture throught British tourism

and hospitality." She is urging a coordinated programme which would include regional tourist boards, trade associations and the Training and Enterprise Councils.

People Working in Tourism and

Executives tire of activity breaks

OVERWORKED executives By HARVEY ELLIOTT have confounded travel industry experts by flocking to all-inclusive hotels in the Caribbean where they can flop out" rather than have

adventure and activity breaks. Martin Brackenbury, chairman of the Federation of Tour Operators, said this week that the industry had been wrong when it had predicted a big growth in "activity" holidays.

He explained: "We expected that holidays would become longer and people would seek to do more. The reverse has been the case. People have sought to flop out and do as

little as possible. We put it freshed and ready to face the down to the immense pressures imposed on people in work in the 1990s."

On holiday, most people are looking for an alternative to the stress of their working lives, he said. This is why the all-inclusive holiday has been such a runaway success. It provides a sense of freedom with nothing extra to pay, all entertainment laid on, no physical exertion or mental effort required — in fact, a kind of holiday hospital from which you return re-

streses and strains of work." While all-inclusive hotels in the Caribbean are booming, the European resorts are having a tough time attracting hard-pressed holidaymakers. especially from those countries imposing strict economic constraints in an attempt to reach the criteria for a single

European currency. Brackenbury said: "Mediterranean countries that in the past were low-cost now have a cost of living in resorts not dissimilar to the

"The result for the North European is that it costs less to go to an all-inclusive hotel in the Dominican Republic than to go to a similar category hotel, half-board, in the Canaries. It is hardly surprising that there are many Europeans who had only dreamt of the Caribbean who are now seizing the opportunity pre-

As unemployment rages through much of mainland Europe, however, even those in work are saving hard, often because of the fear of redun-

level in Northern Europe. A NEW luxury coach company is to introduce club-class

seats, the Glider has 27 airsented to them.

to more sophisticated travellers, avoiding destinations that are popular with economy-class coaches. They range from three-day trips to the north of France

and the Low Countries to more substantial tours of the Côte d'Azur, the Rhineland. Norway and Eastern Europe. Hotels on the route have been selected for their quality and local character. Large chains have been avoided.

Christopher Brela, commercial manager of Cirrus Travel, the parent company, said: "We went to the hotels expecting to vet them; instead, we found that they were vetting us on whether we could deliver the type of client they were used to."

The tours cost about £1,100 for a nine-night trip through Saxony and Bohemia.

Fly to Corfu and Continental coach tours visit Albania go upmarket

ALBANIA is being linked with travel throughout Europe. The Glider service hopes to do for the coach what the Orient Corfu in twin-centre package holidays offered by several tour operators for 1997. The Express did for the train. opening of Albania to tourists Instead of the usual 53 has encouraged specialist

companies such as Regent, craft-style reclining chairs, Explore Worldwide and giving plenty of leg room and the ability to lie back. Sunvil to use the two-hour ferry crossing from Corfu to enable British holidaymakers The company has also cho-sen routes intended to appeal to visit one of the least-known

countries in Europe. Noel Josephides, managing director of Sunvil, said: "Albania will be one of the very big places in the next decade, if it resists the temptation to make a fast buck. Right now, it has curiosity value; the country is not a resort. You can visit a

> at more than 15mph on the main coastal road." Sunvil is packaging flights, an overnight stay in Corfu, ferry crossing and five nights in Albania from about E600 next year, with the option of a

country where you can't drive

second week in Corfu. The move into Albania is helping operators that have had a tough year selling Corfu and the rest of the Greek islands. Corfu, Crete and Rhodes have suffered most from this year's holiday down-

By Steve Keenan by 28 per cent. The murder of a British yachtsman in Corfu last month and complaints about poor airport facilities have compounded the image

problem for Greece. Interpol has been called in to help to track down boat thieves operating from nearby Albania who shot and killed the Briton.

At a British tour operators' conference in Corfu last week, Christanthos Sarlis, the island's mayor, launched a savage attack on central government, blaming the downturn on a lack of investment in Corfu. "Corfu has always been neglected by Greek central government," he said. "Hard efforts have to be made to revive this place."

The Association of Independent Tour Operators was told that Greece is to more than double its consumer advertising and funding of operator

programmes next year. Panos Argyros, the UK director of the Greek Tourist Office, said that for 1997, the office is to spend £2 million on advertising and subsidising the brochures of 23 operators that offer diverse packages "rather than just sun, sea and

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Lufthansa unveils new-look cabins

THE battle for the lucrative business air travel market reached a new intensity yester-day as Lufthansa unveiled a multimillion pound package of improvements with which it hopes to challenge British Airways on flights between the UK and Germany and on other key European routes, Harvey Elliott writes.

The new-look cabins with 52cm-wide grey leather seats will be unveiled on the airline's intra-European routes from temetrow.

Lufthansa plans to empha-sise the difference between business and economy class. It will have "ticketless" check-in procedures by phone for those prepared to pay more for a business class seat and service, while valets will meet business travellers arriving by car at the terminal, park it for them and then meet them on

their return. The new service will feature in a £1.2 million advertising

The growing importance of ready led BA to upgrade its long-haul and European flights with remarkable success. Long haul services, for example, have grabbed an



extra 6 per cent of market share since the introduction of the "cradle" seat and other services in a ESO million programme completed earlier

Lufthansa is determined to fight back in Europe, where business travellers produce 19 per cent of the airline's total revenue.

Now BA is targeting domes tic flights with a £10 million improvement programme aimed at trumping a similar move made last month by

rival British Midland. The high demand for business class travel has enabled airlines to hike fares on the busiest routes by at least 6 per

Virgin to the rescue

VIRGIN rescued its customers this week when Eurostar passengers hit by a Belgian eneral strike were able to fly home from Brussels with Richard Branson's airline,

More than 4,000 passengers aboard Eurostar - which is part-owned by Virgin - were when the strike brought Bel-

standstill on Monday. They carried on to Brussels by

Virgin was able to bring the passengers back on the same day under a new agreement with Sabena, the Belgian state airline, which enables it to operate crews on forced to disembark in Lille the route between Brussels

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Battered Britain have pride to play for

NOT only must a mentally physically exhausted Great Britain overturn long odds to avoid only a second 3-0 series loss to New Zealand, victory in the final match here tomorrow is necessary to spare an ill-fated tour party the ignominy of becoming the first to leave these shores

without a win of any kind. That Britain could have been 2-0 up in the international series, rather than staring at a repeat of the "blackwash" suffered here in 1984, in no way disguises the uncomfortable truth that New Zealand are better equipped than they have been for many years.

New Zealand have come from behind to win each of the first two games. In Auckland. Britain collapsed because of the unfortunate late sin-binning of Adrian Morley; however, even with a full

TEAM5

complement of players, they surrendered a winning position in Palmerston North. On both occasions, back-to-back domestic seasons visibly caught up with the side in the last quarter, when New Zealand were at their strongest.

For the St Helens contingent - notably Bobbie Goulding. Anthony Sullivan and Keiron Cunningham - the toll of 15 months without a break appears to have caught up with schedule and defeat by New Zealand at the end of it should come as no surprise, particularly given the talented players unable to make the trip and the comparative inexperience of the touring squad.

Phil Larder, the Britain coach, said: "I wish we did have a Gary Connolly or Jason Robinson in the backs to inject the explosive burst that

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lifts a side. Instead, we must players on this tour, like Paul Sculthorpe and Morley, who are way ahead of their time. The trouble is you forget they're 19 coming off the back of a debilitating year and are

still learning the game."
In playing the cards dealt him, Larder's problem is a shortage of aces. Britain need Goulding — whose ankle problem is unlikely to prevent him starting - on his game, otherwise the attack shrivels up. Betts and Farrell caused considerable havoc in the first half of the second match, before New Zealand managed to short-circuit the two livewire forwards.

Morale, not helped by the financial scrimping on tour, has been harder to lift among the players since the series defeat was confirmed. Evocative talk of previous Britain victories against the odds. including memorable defeats of Austrālia in 1988 and 1994, have been used in team meetings to bolster confidence towards salvaging a consolation

Although held together by sticking plaster in several cases, the introduction of the experienced Chris Joynt into the back row in place of Sculthorpe might be Larder's only change to the starting line-up from the second international. As a precaution, Tulsen Tollett has been recalled from holiday in Sydney. New Zealand, confident of avenging Britain's whitewash of them in 1993, introduce Marc Ellis on the left wing for the injured Richard Barnett.

With no need for caution on Britain's part and New Zealand promising an expansive style, points should be in plentiful supply. In terms of speed and penetration, however, Timu and Wiki, the Kiwi centres, have already demonstrated lethal finishing, in contrast to Britain, whose biggest problem is the inability of the back line to make headway, unless Goulding, in harness at half back with either Harris or Hammond,

can work his trickery. Last night, the players escaped the team hotel for the local casino and a rare example of New Zealand hospitality on tour. Not that Britain will be bothered if they can avoid the humiliation of a win-less tour at Lancaster Park



Roy Christie, of the Bank of Montreal team that finished second, plays out of the Anaconda bunker on the 5th hole at Chart Hills yesterday

Impressive Reuters copy winning formula

BY MEL WEBB

IF EVER news of a victory in a regional final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge was going to echo round the globe, this was the one. The Eastern Home Counties competition. at Chart Hills, Kent, yesterday was won by one of the world's great news agencies, and if they cannot publicise themselves, who can?

Reuters, the international news and information agency, gave one of the most impressive displays of high scoring seen in a regional final of the nation's premier corporate golf tournament, in winning with a score of 97 Stableford points, three ahead of the Bank of Montreal and six in front of Swale Chamber

remarkable golf over the last

In that sequence, the team of Ray Thompson, Bob Bal-lou, Nick Hardy and David Bennett gathered only one seven-point score, but added seven sixes and three fives. It added up to 64 points, and their total of 51 on the back nine could scarcely be bettered, especially on a course as demanding as Chart Hills. This Nick Faldo creation is

stunning on first sight and improves the more closely it is examined. Its beauty is matched by its degree of difficulty. Yet Reuters' golf, on a day when the weather started peacefully but was made much tougher for the later groups by a capricious wind, was rarely less than



teams have done in this started with the simple aim of scoring five points per hole. A goal of 90 points might not at first seem an extravagant one. but that only three teams out of 25 attained it gives the lie to

Reuters did not make what they considered to be a good start, and they were two

behind their target after five holes. Then came the 6th, and with it a vital six points. "It could have gone either way at that stage," Hardy said. "We felt we needed to start making an impression, and we could just have easily fallen out of contention there."

They did not Ballou, Thompson and Bennett all picked up net birdies for three points apiece. Six was what they wanted, six they got. They did not know it then, but the really dramatic stuff was about to start.

The solitary seven-points haul came on the 9th, and it took them to the turn on 46 points. Thompson's performance there was eccentric, to pitch it at its kindest, and yet totally effective. He hit a tree

to four feet, and made the putt for an unlikely net birdie and three points. Hardy did even better, his net eagle giving him four points. Then came that extraordi-

nary back nine. No other team went remotely close to Reuters' performance over that stretch; it was unbeatable stuff. Six sixes and three fives tell their own story.

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Billington * targets World Cup success

By Jenny MacArthur

GEOFF BILLINGTON, Britain's highest-placed rider at the Atlanta Olympic Games, begins his World Cup offensive today when he competes alongside John and Michael Whitaker at the Amsterdam International Showjumping event in Holland. The show hosts the fourth of 15 Volvo World Cup qualifying rounds from which the leading 19 riders go through to the final in Gothenburg in April.

Billington will start as one of the favourites for the qualifier on Sunday on his Olympic horse, It's Otto, one of the most consistent on the circuit. Since finishing sixth in Atlanta, the ten-year-old gelding has been placed fourth in the Calgary Grand Prix and sixth in Monterrey 12 days ago.
The travelling doesn't af

fect him — he's jumping better than ever." Billington said yesterday. Already the winner of £80,000 this year. It's Otto came close to adding a further

E20,000 in Monterrey.

While Billington has reached the World Cup final only once — in 1995 — John Whitaker has only once missed qualifying since the event started in 1979. The winner, on Milton, in 1990 and 1991, Whitaker relies this week on his Olympic horse, Welham, aged 16, who underlined his form when finishing runner-up in the Stuttgart Grand Prix three weeks ago.

Whitaker's younger broth-er, Michael, who has had the most disappointing year of his career, is hoping for a change of luck this week. He is riding Two Step, now fully recovered from the back injury that prompted his unfortunate performance in Atlanta.

The rider most likely to foil British hopes is Piet Raymakers, of Holland, on Jewel's Emerald, already the winner of the Oslo and Heisinki World Cup qualifiers this month. Other leading partnerships include the former Olympic champion from Germany, Ludger Beerbaum, the wirmer last year on Ratina. and his compatriot. Franke Sloothaak, who rides Weihaiwei on which he won the world championship in 1994. Ulrich Kirchoff, winner of the individual gold medal in At-lanta, completes the German contingent with Operalan's VDL Emilion

FOOTBALL: PFA CHALLENGES PERCEPTION OF A SPORT RIDDLED WITH DRINK AND DRUGS

National game seeks to be positive about image

BY JOHN GOODBOOY

FOOTBALL has to change the sionals are "topped up with booze and drugs", a leading players' representative said yesterday. Although the national game has been damaged by the spate of positive drugs tests and drinking scandals, including the public confessions of Paul Merson with cocaine and Tony Adams with alcohol, the Professional Footballers' Association believes that this view of the sport is

very unfair. Brendon Batson, the PFA deputy chief executive, said that he believed that there was now far more moderation and tomecrow.

responsibility in drinking. belief that football and drink go together like a marriage. The old idea of lagers on the coach back from games is becoming less common."

The controversy over the drinking habits of England internationals surfaced before the European championship last summer with reports of the nightclub party in Hong Kong and the Cathay Pacific light back from the Far East. Batson, who was speaking

in London at the United Kingdom Sports Council seminar on drugs, said that he was convinced that football did not have a problem with performance-enhancing drugs.

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However, recent positive This season the number of tests in professional football in tests have showed that some players were taking social drugs. In 1994-95, there were 12 positive tests, of which eight were for marijuana and one was for an amphetamine. Last season this dropped to seven. five of which were for marijuana and one for cocaine.

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On the ace of diamonds East

played the eight. West then

switched to a spade. It was apparent to the declarer (How-

ard Cohen) that the opening

lead must be a singleton. The

problem was, how to prevent

East getting in to give West a

diamond ruff. One possibility

was simply to play low on the

spade and hope West had led

But Cohen decided from the

vibes at the table that East had

the king of spades; he rose

with the ace of spades and

played the ace of clubs, per-

force dropping the king from

hand. He continued with the

ten of clubs. The lay-out he

was hoping for was for West to

hold both the queen and jack

of clubs. Thus by discarding a

spade on the ten of clubs he

would cut the communica-

tions between West and East.

from the king.

England is being doubled to about 500. Already more than 200 have been carried out, with no positive tests. Alan Hodson, who oversees the FA's programme, said:

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

One form of communication-cutting play is called the "Scissors

Coup". This flawed example occurred in the TGR high game.

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there was no way that declarer

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□ At the semi-finals of the

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the China women's team lead

Canada by 108 IMPs, while

Austria lead the United States

by 23. In the Open series,

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

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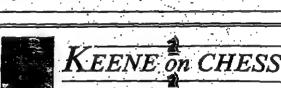
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tors. It would appear that the message is getting home.
"We are not trying to elimi-nate all drinking. We are just attempting to monitor where there is an excess of alcohol

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progress but we have to accept that there will always be



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By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dutch treat

At the elite Fontys tournament in Tilburg, Holland, Lock van Wely, the Dutch grandmaster, had been making the running for most of the event. Last week, for example, I published in this column his very fine win against Anatoly Karpov, the Fide world champion. In the last round, though, Van Wely had to face his compatriot, Jeroen Piket. Sometimes, on such occasions, a friendly draw between co-nationals is the result. In this instance, no. quarter was asked or given and Piket wore down his opponent's resistance in a long endgame to be rewarded with a share of first prize. White: Loek van Wely

Black: Jeroen Piket Tilburg, October 1996

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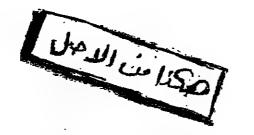
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Solution on page 45



RACING: CHELTENHAM SPREADS NET FOR SPONSORED CHASE

Cross-country challenge attracts Czech pair

SOME things at Cheltenham yesterday raised no eyebrows. The ground was firm, only 36. runners contested seven races and Tony McCoy rode the first three winners, persuading Coral to stop betting on the jockeys championship. Amid this autumn mundaness, however, news emerged of an international flavour.

Two horses from the Czech. Republic are heading for the next Cheltenham meeting. when they will contest the Sporting Index Cross-Country Steeplechase. And events this weekend will dictate whether a leading American jumper will cross the Atlantic in pursuit of a EI million bonus. Serenity Prayer, trained in Maryland by Bruce Miller, has already won one leg of the Sport of Kings Challenge and

aims to win a second on

Saturday. A victory would

persuade Miller to send him to

Cheltenham for the two con-

first horse to take the bonus. Edward Gillespie, managing director of Cheltenham, spent last weekend in the United States promoting the event. Two weeks earlier, he was in the Czech Republic on a similar recruiting mission for the Sporting Index race. The result of Gillespie's trip is the

(2.30 Nottingham) Next best: Easy Option / (1.30 Nottingham) Thunderer selected all seven win-ners at Cheltenham yesterday.

fikely participation of Furtado, trained by Josef Vana, who sent out the winner of this year's Velka Pardubicka, and Marketplace, a five-year-old who won a separate race on

The cross-country race will be the feature of Cheltenham's

17. Like last year, its inaugural running, it will take place over banks, hedges and timber but the distance has been in-creased to three miles and seven furlongs in an attempt to reduce the pace of the race

The future of the event was jeopardised by a fatality last November and although the dead horse, Leagaune, was later found to have suffered a heart attack, Gillespie admits: "It put us on our guard. Horses have died recently in the King George VI Chase, the Gold Cup and the Arc and, so far as I am aware, none of those races is under threat. But we have to take all

necessary precautions."

Compton Hellyer, the chairman of Sporting Index, is an indomitable spirit and he was in positive mood at Cheltenham, only hours after the collapse of his company's projected merger with competiiors City Index. The abandonment of the deal, through disagreement over panies, was accelerated when a secretary mistakenly faxed a memo, confidential to the Sporting Index board, to their

Hellyer is by no means downcast. His company is on course to announce a El million profit this year, double last year's figure, and an alternative merger deal within the burgeoning spread betting market should not be ruled out. "We have 50 per cent of the sports spread business and recent events have put us in play," he said.

Sporting Index chase, McGregor The Third, will run again, as will that veteran of the Pardubicka, Its A Snip.
His trainer, Charlie Mann,
provided the second leg of McCoy's treble yesterday with

Last season's winner of the

the novice chaser, Celibate. Richard Dunwoody, his in-tended rider, who had fallen victim to a stomach upset, is one of the few to have known the fickle infallibility now favouring McCoy.



Celibate helps McCoy to a treble at Cheltenham yesterday

Mandilak wins for Aga Khan

THE Aga Khan's colours returned to a British winner's circle for the first time in six years when Mandilak won at Yarmouth yesterday.

The El Gran Senor colt was one of a batch of 12 two-vear-olds the Aga Khan sent to Luca Cumani this year at the end of his self-imposed exile after his dissatisfaction over Jockey Club drug-testing proce-dures in the wake of the disqualification of his 1989 Oaks winner, Aliysa.

Cumani, who trained Kahyasi to win the Derby for the Aga Khan in 1988, said: "It's marvelious to see these colours win again. It's been a long wait but it's great to be back in

Happy Valentine carned a 16-1 quote for the Derby from William Hill after making an impressive winning debut in the Herringfleet Maiden Stakes. His victory helped Saeed bin Surpor to stretch his lead in the duel with Henry Cecil for the trainers' championship to

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The Jockey Club yesterday announced its disciplinary committee is to hold an inquiry into the "jockeys strike" at Haydock, which led to the abandonment of the meeting on October 16. David Pipe, the Jockey Club director of public affairs, said: "We haven't set a date yet."

Yarmouth

2.40 (1m 3yd) 1. Mandillek (O Urbins, 5-1); 2. Sinust Genard (20-1); 3. Inventors (N)-7); Raid Gand 15-5 thv. 13 nm. 1; 146. L Current, Tota. E9.10; E2.10, E3.10, E3.00. DF: E83.90 Text. E831.50 (part von. Pool of 1658.31 curied forward to 3.50 Nottingham loday), CSF: E94.32.

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Cheltenham

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BRISTOL Rovers' switch

from sharing Twerton Park

with Bath City, to sharing the Memorial Ground with Bris-

tol Rugby Club, has not gone

without its hitches, even though Rovers are now back in their beloved city after a ten-year absence. After their

first game at the Memorial

It is all part of the getting-to-

know-you process at the Me-morial Ground as the rugby

because of rebuilding works;

a two-tier Portakabin acts as

Strange though the early co-existence may have been, it pales into insignificance

alongside the bizarre incident

on Tuesday night when Rovers won 2-1 against Brent-

ford, the Nationwide League second division leaders. Rovers triumphed deservedly but still owed much to the

47th-minute clanger by Kevin Dearden, the Brentford goal-

keeper. He caught a hopeful

lob into the area from Andy

Tillson, rolled it gently onto the ground, in preparation to kick it downfield, then froze.

Marcus Browning, the Wales and Rovers midfield

player, could barely believe his luck. He nipped in, with-

out a challenge from the

startled Dearden, and guided

the ball into the unguarded

net. Cue frantic protests from

had heard a whistle from the

terraces behinds his goal,

which is why he stopped. He thought a free kick had been

awarded for offside against

Browning.

George Cain, the referee, was implored to change his

mind and disallow the gift of

all goals. It was to no avail.

Cain asked the stewards and

police to seek out the alleged

whistle-blower but ruled that

play should restart with a Brentford kick-off. His deci-

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FOOTBALL

Jury still out on Newcastle's ability to conquer Europe

By DAVID MADDOCK

ONE of Kevin Keegan's most endearing features is the emotion that he brings to his role as manager of Newcastle Uni-ted. His heart is worn on his sleeve, a badge to an upfront honesty and integrity.

Sometimes, though, it beats just too vibrantly and he gets a

little carried away, as he did after his side's exhilarating Uefa Cup victory over Ferencyaros, of Hungary, on Tuesday. Keegan, his voice cracking with emotion, almost took the assembled media back to that infamous night when he professed his undying love — if only his side could overhaul Manchester

On Tuesday evening, he was extravagant with praise, not criticism. "When you people start drooling over Real Madrid and Ajax," he said accusingly, put your tapes on and see if they can do any better than this [the victory over Ferencearos! You all go on about continental football. but we showed we are their

Keegan went as far as to suggest that the 4-0 victory was the best during his reign at St James' Park — even better than the 5-0 trouncing of Manchester United a week

taken up, too, by many strands of the media, who reflected on the performance with similarly rose-tinted

It was, it is true, a fine attacking performance. When Newcastle take command of a game, they have the ability to destroy opponents, and Ferencvaros discovered this fact to their cost — but a worldclass performance? Hardly.

Ferencearos are a truly average side who showed ponderous tendencies in attack and defence. Keegan spoke afterwards of winning



Asprilia: decisive goals

Grandstand finish for Brighton fans

By Mark Hodkinson

THE last set of supporters to infiltrate Rochdale's "end" were from Bradford City. back in the late 1970s. On that occasion punches were swapped, but on Tuesday, during Rochdale's Nationwide League third division game against Brighton and Hove Albion, the currency was replica team shirts.

"Come and join us," was the chant from the Rochdale fans in the Sandy Lane End and the Brighton contingent duly obliged. They then stood sideby-side with their new allies from Lancashire. Thereafter, chants of "sack the board" and "loyal supporters" rang out from the home end. As a metaphor for the new kinship and camaraderie among football fans, this was consumate.

The finer points of the dispute between Brighton's lans and their board of directors will have eluded most Rochdale supporters. On Tuesday, however, they saw something they see in themselves - irrational, unfettered devotion to a football club. Why else would 200 people travel nearly 250 miles to waich a team at the bottom of

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the football league that has lost every one of its away games this season?

When Robbie Painter scored the last of Rochdale's three unanswered goals just a few minutes after half-time. the mood of empathy between the fans was able to flourish.

The chanted dialogue began with "loyal supporters" ng out from the Sandy Lane End. The song was directed to the visiting fans, in a town painted red by supporters of Manchester United and Liverpool, there is a defiance about staying loyal to Rochdale.

The Brighton fans dapped in appreciation. The invitaissued and a group of about 50 marched in a dignified manner towards the Rochdale end. Some completed the journey, while others had to settle for a round of handshaking along the perimeter fence as stewards repelled them. The main body of Brighton fans were eventually ushered back to their own section. Spontaneously, they were clapped by the home

the Uefa Cup this season, but it would surely be wiser to reserve judgment until after the next round, in three weeks' The final 16 of the competi-

tion includes some of the finest sides in Europe at the moment. There is a strength among the likes of Internazionale, of Milan. SV Hamburg (Keegan's former club), AS Monaco, PC Bruges, Anderlecht, Feyenoord, Valencia and Karlsruhe that is perhaps unmatched in any

other European competition. Such teams would not have allowed Newcastle to feel their way so hesitantly into the match as Ferencyaros did on Tuesday, nor would they pass up good attacking positions or defend so badly.

Even Keegan admitted that left in the draw, that will be made tomorrow, and added that the next game in the competition would be harder than the previous two. It was left to David Ginola, however. to put the performance against Ferencyaros into perspective.

Ginola has returned to form with a vengence in recent weeks, and he was outstanding on Tuesday. Afterwards. he was at pains to point out that Newcastle cannot become overconfident about their

We played well, very well at times, but I believe that the tournament starts here," he said. "In many ways, the competition is the hardest to win because there are so many good sides from the top naions in the draw. Remember. as well, that there could well be quite a few of this season's champions in there, rather than last season's, who qualified for the European

Cup.
"I think that we showed a few of the European sides that we are a force to take notice of, but it is a stepping stone for us. We must use this experience to improve, to become stronger in the competition. We are getting there, we are on the way to becoming a top-class side, and this is a step."

For Ginola, the most important aspect of the victory was not the performance - he knows that Newcastle must become more streetwise in their defending - but the emergence of Faustino Asprilia, whose two goals effectively decided the contest.

"Tino is a wonderful character, but he needs to be loved to give his best, he needs the crowd to love him." Ginola said. That's why I'm so happy he scored on Tuesday, because the crowd got behind him. It is a bonus for the club, because he is a wonderful player and. with the right backing, he will be very important."



Liverpool vow not to make the same mistakes again

BY PETER BALL

DEFEAT by Brondby in the Uefa Cup last year was a warning to Liverpool to take nothing for granted in European competition, but it would be a great surprise if they failed to reach the third round of the Cup Winners' Cup at Anfield tonight. Brondby's 1-0 win on Merseyside, after a goalless draw in the first leg in Denmark, put Liverpool out of the Uefa Cup in the second round 12 months ago and they are, understandably, wary of making a similar mistake against FC Sion, of Switzerland, in front of what will be a full house.

"There is no room for complacency when 40,000 people are shouting at you." Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday. "We can't take anything for granted. They showed they can attack and score in the first

Of course, so did Liverpool, who won that first encounter 2-1 and although both Sion's goalscorer. Bonvin, and the playmaker. Vercruysse, had some encouraging moments under the shadow of the Alos two weeks ago, the Swiss

seem unlikely to present a real threat in the return. In the first leg. Sion found it

increasingly hard to handle the runs of Bjornebye, Mc-Manaman and Berger. The most important point for Liverpool, however, was that the game marked Robbie Fowler's return to the team and to goalscoring after his harren start to the season Since he applied the final touch for Liverpool's equaliser in Sion, he has started sparking again on all cylinders. It is hard to tell how Sion



Fowler: return to form

ATHLETICS

will react to the intimidating pressures of Antield. That crowd is a significant change from the days of Liverpool's European hegemony, when it took visits from Bayern Munich or Internazionale to fill Anfield. "It's fantastic. The interest has been phenomenal, it shows what our fans think about Europe," Evans said. The manager auso orev

inspiration from Newcastle United's dismissal of Ferencearos in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday night. "It was a great win for Newcastle and they played some smashing football. All credit to Kevin Keegan [the Newcastle managerl. I am delighted for him as he has stuck to his beliefs in the face of criticism. I would like to think we share the same views, although I am perhaps a little bit more cautious."

Evans is expected to name a team unchanged from the 2-1 defeat of Derby County on Sunday, although he had not finally made his mind up yesterday. "I could make changes, but then when I think about doing that, I think about how well we've been playing," Evans said.

Becker put' to flight by Parisian masses

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN PARIS BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

> THE ORGANISERS of the Paris Open must be wondering what they have done wrong. In the first three days of the tournament they have lost eight seeds, Boris Becker, Pete Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic having been sent packing yesterday. To add injury to insult, Thomas Muster limped away after just one set of his match against Stefan Edberg, having aggravated an

Ground in August, it. was found that the goalposts at one end were too high. It cast serious, albeit betated, doubts over the validity of one of the goals, which dipped in just under the crossbar, in the 1-1 draw against Stockport County. old hip problem.

Officially, Becker was beaten 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 by Carlos Moya, of Spain, the man who beat Tim Henman, the British beat Tim Henman, the British No I, on Monday. Becker, though, said he was overwhelmed by 7,000 Parisians haying for blood, "I felt like I was in a big zoo." he said. "Me and Moya were the big gorillas and all around us were After the 0-0 draw against Blackpool, both sides complained that the generous cushion of grass was not conducive to good play. It transpired that the lush surface here agreement now. face had been prepared more for Bristol Rugby Club's European Conference fixture against Narbonne. some other animals trying to bother us all the time.

Certainly the crowd made its presence felt, shouting, cheering or booing at the end of every point — and some-times before — while the union landlords take on the needs of their football tenants, who have signed a 21-year lease. Only two sides of the ground house spectactors stewards allowed people to wander around as they pleased. Becker, though, brought his troubles upon himself. He began the match looking tired and sluggish after his victory over Sampras in Stuttgart on Sunday, and before long he was one point away from going a set and 5-2 down. He managed to raise his game to resolve that particular crisis, but faltered

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again in the third set. On the verge of defeat he was up to his old tricks, holding up Moya as he tried to serve for the match and complaining to the umpire about the crowd, the noise and the competence of the line judges. Not even a favourable overrule by the umpire on Moya's second match point could save him. Becker was gone.

"First of all my opponent deserved to win, he should have won in the second set but he got nervous," he said. "But coming after Studgart, this is like a madhouse. If people are constantly laughing, screaming and getting up it's impossidon't care, they just boo you all the time. That beat me."

Quite what had happened to Sampras was a mystery, at least to the No I seed. Facing the height and might of Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, he could do nothing to combat the big man's serving power. "I didn't play my best," he said. "I wish I had an answer. but what can you do?"

That is a question that anyone who has ever worked with Ivanisevic has asked on many occasions. Depending on which side of bed he gets out of in the morning, he can either play like a dream or a drain. Yesterday, against Paul Haarhuis, of Holland, his heart was not in it and he was beaten 6-3, 6-2 in less than an hour.

ICE HOCKEY

Knox could hold key for Basingstoke

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals will be completed this evening and both ties are tantalisingly poised after the first-leg matches on Saturday, when both were won by the visiting team. Basingstoke Bison beat Ayr Scottish Eagles 2-0 and Nottingham Panthers edged out Sheffield Steelers by the odd goal in five.

Much will depend on the goaltenders and there is no doubt that this is one aspect of British ice hockey that has improved beyond recognition this season.

The recovery from a groin injury by Richard Gallace probably the best of the new crop of goaltenders - gives Basingstoke a boost and in Blake Knox they also have one of the classiest forwards in the Superleague. Knox scored both of their first-leg

goals. The Eagles started the season in excellent form, with Jiri Lala, their former Czech international, exciting to watch. They have not quite maintained that form, but a twogoal deficit is not insurmountable and they

Vaughan misses opening match

opening match of England A's Australian tour against a New South Wales XI in Tamworth today after failing to recover from a back strain.

ruled out of practice in Sydney with the complaint and, despite intensive treatment, has been unable to overcome the problem in time for the fourday match. Jason Gallian. of Lanca-

shire, looks certain to open alongside Mark Butcher, of Surrey, in Vaughan's absence. but England are delaying announcing their full line-up until just before the start of

Peter Such, the off spinner. was given an X-ray on his hand injury, sustained during nets on Tuesday, which confirmed his finger was only bruised and England are giving him as much time as possible to stage a recovery.

Andrew Harris, the Derbyshire fast bowler, hit on the foot during the practice, has recovered well and is in the 13

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Wasim Akram, the Pakistan

captain, yesterday became the the first howler to take 300

three-wicket victory over Zimbabwe at Quetta. Wasim achieved the leat

fourth ball of the march. reaching the 300 mark from 208 limited-overs matches. However, it was Salim Malik, the former captain. with an unbeaten 72, who was the architect of Pakistan's

success in overhauling Zimbabwe's total of 237 for nine in 50 overs on a difficult pitch. Salim, selected as man of the match, after facing 77 balls

earlier rescued by the Flower brothers, who put on 143 for the fourth wicket after their team had been 25 for three.

bowling coach - six years after quitting as manager when he criticised the committee and the chairman, Mike

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

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and hitting six fours and a six. combined with Aamir Schail. who hit four fours and a six in his innings of 55. in a 53-run stand for the fourth wicket. Zimbabwe, batting first after winning the toss, were

Grant Flower narrowly missed his maiden one-day century when he was caught by Shahid Afridi off Salim's gentle spin for 91, and Andrew, his elder brother, contributed an invaluable 82. Bob Cottam, dismissed as Somerser's director of coaching last season, is in line to return to Warwickshire as

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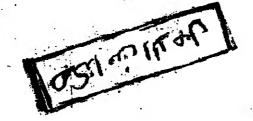
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uching celebration of the life of young player

The match against the Stanley's XV has been a plorious anachronism in the Oxford University cal-endar for some time. A doff of the cap to some long-forgotten madition, an excuse for a half-term frolic and a few beers. The score has never mattered much. Yesterday, it mattered not a jot, but the occasion was

the most important in the 127-year history of the club. The afternoon was dedicated to the memory of the burly, ebullient, dyed-in-the-wool Aussie figure of Ian Tucker, an afternoon that recalled the words of a long-serving obituarist on The Guardian. Asked once how he coped with so much death, he replied that obituaries were a celebration of life not death. A celebration for life. Those were the exact words used to describe yesterday's match by Steve Hill, the director of rugby at Oxford University, who has had to navigate his student team through uncharted emotional

waters in the past three days.

Tucker died on Sunday evening at the age of 23, a day, after suffering head injuries in a seemingly innocuous tackle. in the closing minutes of a defeat by Saracens. Rugby players know their game is them so - but few believe that an incident so shockingly.

team-mate. No one was to blame for Tucker's death except the sport that has given him a near lifetime's pleasure and, in these avaricious times,

not a permy. We're going by the seat of our pants at the moment. Hill said. It really is a matter of taking each day as it comes." Both sides wore armbands and the dark blue No 12 has been retired for the season as a mark of respect

rationalisation had begun

Andrew Longmore sees students led through uncharted emotional waters

three days before the impeccably observed silence at liffley Road which scoured the depths of tender emotions yesterday. On Monday evening, the team-gathered to talk to the neurosurgeons who treated Tucker in vain. In more than 55 years of their medical experience, they could recall only two other similar

It was, they added, a one-ina million chance. They could not, of course, answer the one question everyone wanted them to," Hill said. The question Why? Afterwards the team split into groups to have dinner and share their feelings. None felt much like playing again, let alone a matter of days after their friend's death. But sport has a

tourniquet to pain. First, play-ing became a possibility; then essential. It helped that the opposition was Stanley's, the team for whom Tucker had first advertised his talent in Oxford exactly a year before "It was an important release

for the players," Hill said. "Another step on the way back lan himself would not have wanted this to be a sombre occasion. He was, in many ways. a stereotypical Australian, in your face all the



Oxford University players observe a minute's silence on the pitch at Iffley Road in memory of their team-mate

Johnson looks to Halliday, the England centre and Oxford Blue, consulted Tucker's family before committing his team to the match and gave every one of them the chance of to pull out right up to

the moment of kick-off. Nevertheless, standing in a dark blue line, the Oxford players must have wondered just how cathartic the afternoon would prove. It seemed the silence would never end, not least for Tucker's family watching in the stands, as players forgot the macho rituals of their game and unselfconsciously held hands

and linked arms.
Nor would the images of last Saturday fade even for a moment. When the Australian, Trevor Walsh. Tucker's replacement at centre, was taken away in an ambulance

X-rays suffering from a blow to the side of the head, the parallels became uncomfortably grim. Thankfully, he was quickly released.

Today, a memorial service will be held in Keble College, which was Tucker's home for just a month. Another stage of the therapy. For the record, Oxford beat the Stanley's XV 33-24 in a match of nine tries. That he was not there to score a few himself would have been Ian Tucker's idea of tragedy.

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TRISH JOHNSON, of Great Britain, will be looking to extend her outstanding winning run in the 54-hole Spanish. Open, which begins at La Manga Club today. Johnson, the only member of Europe's Solheim Cup side in the field, will start as a strong favourite to complete a fourth victory from six events. This is the last chance for players to clinch their places on the Tour for next year by finishing in the top 80 in the merit table. Tracey Craik, of Scotland, who is 84th, is in danger of having to return to the Tour qualifying school at La Manga in December, just 12 months after wirning

New name for Wigan

RUGBY LEAGUE: Jack Robinson, the chairman of Wigan. revealed yesterday that the club will be called Wigan Warriors from the start of next season. The decision follows suggestions from the Super League, who are encouraging clubs to follow the example of Bradford Bulls by developing a strong marketing strategy. Warrington have dropped their old Wire nickname to become the Wolves.

Thomson returns

FOOTBALL: Jimmy Thomson, the former Raith Rovers manager, has been appointed manager of Berwick, the struggling Bell's Scottish League second division club. Thomson replaces Ian Ross, who left earlier this month. It is his second spell in charge at Shielfield Park, having previously held the post in 1985-86. Thomson left Raith in Auguust after only six months in charge.

Cross opens in style

TENNIS: Karen Cross, of Devon, beat the No 6 seed, Joelle Schad, from the Dominican Republic, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 in the first round of the LTA Ladies' Challenger tournament in Edinburgh yesterday. The Kent junior, Abigail Tordoff. came within two points of upsetting the No I seed, Denisa Chladkova, before the Czech, herself only 17, recovered to

RUGBY UNION: AUSTRALIANS WASTE NO TIME IN ADAPTING TO BRITISH CONDITIONS

Little to miss first international

Australia XV...

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE rust was falling away in shards as the Australians left a damp, murky Netherdale. yesterday. Their first appearance in Great Britain for four years illustrated fully the inexperience of this touring team. matched as they were against a makeshift Scotland A side that produced only the odd patch of sustained play.

Worryingly, too, the Australians have already been beset by injuries to leading players. They lost Garrick Morgan in haly and now seem likely to be without Jason Little, their experienced centre, for the nt. Little dan medial knee ligaments, which will keep him out of the international with Scotland on PNovember: 9, and he was followed from the field by the combative Michael Brial, with

damaged ankle ligaments. Few judgments need be made at this stage. Apart from two games last week in Italy. most of the Australians have enjoyed a five-week hiatus from rugby and their manage-ment admits that this tour will be a significant learning experience for many of them - for Greg Smith, the coach, as well, since all his experience has been south of the equator. In that respect, it was instructive to see an Australian side applying itself to slippery Brit-ish conditions by mauling industriously, but not always

with the required control. Smith was unhappy about the amount of possession that his players lost and will not be slow in telling them. I think it's a lack of skill rather than unfamiliar conditions, he said. You can't keep making excuses for players. They are money, they should be able to pass and catch a ball."

The margin of defeat may be less than flattering to Scotland A, who remained in contention until the final quarter. For that, they were prepared to thank their involvement in European competition: "We could not have finished on the right.

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(c) A territorial and administrative division of ancient Germany,

including several villages or communities in the Middle Ages, a larger division, over which, under Frankish rule, was placed a graf. The word is a frequent final element of place-names, as

(a) A Brazilian name applied to the gum, etc., of the tropical South American tree *Piptudenia rigida*, which yields a hard durable timber, and an astringent bark and a gum both used

(c) Defining God positively, or by positive statements. The opposite of apophane. From the Greek kataphatikos affirmative, kataphani to assent. "In an end age he [sc. Berdyaev] turned from a cataphatic to an apophatic theology."

(a) The sobriquet of a member of the Gereformeerde Kerk in Suid-Afrika. a strictly orthodox Calvinistic denomination, commonly regarded as being old-fashioned in ideas, manner, and dress. Afrikaans, of uncertain origin."

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Little shrugs off the attentions of Lang before injury forced him to leave the field at Netherdale yesterday

produced a performance like that coming out of first divi-sion rugby," Graham Hogg, their coach, said.

They fell, though, between a running game and a less productive kicking game that had the effect of allowing the Australians to regroup, notably at the lineout, where Eales and Giffin produced the most satisfactory element of their afternoon.

It was not until three minutes before the interval that the Australians took the lead. Watched by observers from the Welsh and English unions, Scotland A started with an eight-point rush. Hodge dropping an early goal and Smith squeezing over from a lineout maul and the interval had almost arrived before Herbert and Burke created a chance for the Australians that Horan

Had Herbert found him with another pass, Horan would have added a second try, but Kerr defended intelligently and it was an exchange of penalty goods of penalty goals between Hodge and Burke that allowed the Australians to

For all the efforts of Wallace,who contributed substantially to any continuity that Scotland A achieved, the final quarter gave the touring side the chance to display to a threadbare crowd their finishing skills. Payne's break gave Horan a second try and he benefited himself from a break and pass back inside by

In between, the Australian forwards worked Connors over from a lineout for a try that would have been easily recognised south of the border, but is not quite the style that Australia hope to adopt as-

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Richmond move for South African pair

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RICHMOND, the ambitious second-division club, confirmed yesterday that they are negotiating with Cabous van der Westhuizen and Steve Atherton, the Natal players, to ioin them.

John Kingston, the Rich-mond coaching director, said that discussions were still at an early stage. "We enjoyed the benefit of talks with them. We already have a very good side, but they are both quality players and we could be interested," he said.

We shall hope to hear from them again after they return to South Africa this week," he added. The two South Africans flew to England this week to test the market for their services. Bath and Harlequins are also said to have an interest in the pair.

A fifth player has with-drawn from the South African touring squad that leaves for Argentina, France and Wales tomorrow. Danie van Schalkwyk, the Northern Transvaal centre, has pulled out after suffering a recurrence of a grein injury. Dick Muir, of Natal, replaces him.

Muir has represented the South Africa seven-a-side team, and is the third Natal player to win a late call-up. Jeremy Thompson, another centre, and Adrian Garvey,

the prop, have both been

drafted in since the tour party was originally announced.
The Midland division have

been forced to switch two of their tour matches next month because of the dispute between the Rugby Football Union and the English Pro-fessional Rugby Union Clubs. The Midlands were supposed to play Queensland at Northampton on November 24 and Argentina at Leicester three days later, but both clubs have now made their grounds unavailable.

Graham Dall, the Heriot's FP back-row forward, has withdrawn from the Glas-gow-Edinburgh combined XV that plays the Australians on Saturday because of an elbow injury. David McLeish, from West of Scotland, will play at No 8 in his place. Paul Jennings, of Boroughmuir, takes McLeish's place on the replacements' bench.

Cotton calls for RFU to expel clubs from union

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and England's leading clubs rumbled on yesterday. While the clubs heard high-powered sales pitches from the RFU and from the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) at Northampton, Fran Cotton, manager of the British Isles tour next year, was calling for the clubs to be dismissed from the RFU.

Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said: This was not part of our head-to-head negotiations with Epruc. It was a presentation by both parties to about 15 of the 24 clubs in leagues one and two. It was a CIETITICATION OF Where we star new: But there is no way yet of telling how the arguments were received."

The RFU was represented by Hallett, John Richardson, the president, Colin Herridge, the treasurer, and Cliff Brittle, chairman of the executive committee. Epruc's case was presented by Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, Peter Wheeler, of Leicester, and Charles Levison, of Wasps.

Meanwhile, Cotton criticised Epruc for their stance on withdrawing players from di-visional sides. "I can't see why the men who are directing Epruc keep their clubs in the RFU," he said. "They want to stop their

players from playing against an international side like the New Zealand Barbarians and they tell their clubs not to make their grounds available. I also read comments from Sir John Hall [owner of Newcastle) saying that when he has obtained the support of the European courts, he will contact all his friends and arrange Eprue's departure from the RFU. "So what are we waiting for

here? According to their spokesmen, these clubs have no wish to be part of the RFU and appear to me to be in breach of RFU by-laws. I can't see why they should not be expelled so that the rest of the game can get on with running its affairs in a sensible and affordable way."

Wakefield, of the second division, have already stated that they will not stand in the way of players wishing to appear for their divisions, while other clubs are expected to follow their lead.

John Spencer, who chairs the North's playing committee, said: "I'm appalled at the decision to ask clubs to withdraw players. To do this as a protest illustrates perfectly their misconception of the nature of the game at other

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SNOOKER: THORBURN OFFERS TIMELY REMINDER OF FORMER GLORIES

Singapore bow before perfect Scots

SCOTLAND and England justified their status as favourites for the Castrol Honda

playing Stephen Hendry, John Higgins and Alan McManus, Singapore collapsed, collecting only 21 points in the first six frames, while Hendry fashioned a 103 clearance against Keith Boon Ee - a self-

contributed runs of 65, 46 and 73. Only Bernard Tey, who lost the seventh frame on the black to Hendry, threatened to interrupt Scotland's smooth ascent to the top of group B.

England were equally impressive against a UAE team coached by Doug Mountjoy, the former United Kingdom champion. England's hopes of recording the event's first whitewash were dashed when Masood Akil, an accountant with the Dubai police, potted a long pink to defeat Nigel Bond, Ronnie O'Sullivan became an early front-runner for the

£4,000 prize for the tournament's highest break with a run of 127 against Akil. Cliff Thorburn may have retired from the circuit, but his powers of concentration and recovery have not been impaired

by competitive inactivity, as shown during Canada's 8-1 victory over South Africa in another group B contest. Thorburn, the 1980 world champion, squeezed past Silvino Francisco on the black after trailing 55-1, but his most remarkable escape came against Hitesh Naran, when he again prevailed on the black, despite requiring two snookers on the blue.

World Cup in Bangkok yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Scotland outclassed Singapore 9-0, while England defeated the United Arab Emirates 8-1. Faced with the intimidating prospect of

proclaimed gigolo - McManus compiled breaks of 84, 52 and 44 and Higgins

wi uv:

Taking time out to plan football's future

outs. It may be a few seasons away, and it may sound crazy, but it could soon be coming to a pitch, or rather a television screen, near you. There were rumblings in Germany this week that Fifa, the game's governing body, is receptive to the idea that the game should be divided into three, or even four, periods to allow for more advertising.

The suggestion came from the

senior executives of two leading German television stations who say that, despite huge audience ratings, they cannot make a profit because of the fees they have to pay for broadcasting

rights. Helmut Thoma, head of the station that has the German rights to the European Cup, believes that managers should be able to call two time-outs of two or three minutes in each half, which could be used to show commercials.

the ball is out'

German club officials are said to have generally welcomed the idea. Gerd Niebaum, president of Borussia Dortmund, said: "Two breaks would allow the players to recover much better physically, and the coaches would have more tactical

It is an idea that has been floated before. A couple of years ago when

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the job. Wells, 35 and in his

benefit year, will be replaced by Peter Moores, his deputy and two years his junior. Wells has two years remaining on his contract and is considering his future, but he ought not to be shocked at this

latest turn of events in what has been a turbulent year for Sussex. The club experienced a woeful season and one of its

was banned until 1998 after being found guilty of using a prohibited drug. Several players were known to be restless

and unless action was taken there was a danger of whole-

Whether Wells's removal will persuade the likes of lan Salisbury, Martin Speight and Danny Law to stay at

Hove remains to be seen.

Salisbury, an expensive but potentially match-winning leg spinner, perhaps suffered

most from working under a

captain noted more for lead-

Even if all three stay, Des-

mond Haynes, the coach,

would probably like to rein-

force the batting, especially if

Wells, who has been the club's

leading batsman for years,

does leave. Sussex have re-

portedly told him that they

will not stand in his way if he

wants to leave and he is sure

to arouse the interest of sev-

Wells took over the captain-

cy from Paul Parker in 1992

but, despite the side showing

promise that year, the long-

sale departures.

contract.

eral counties.

Tand by for football with time- the United States, home of the timeout, played host to the World Cup. they came up with a whole raft of bizarre innovations to try to make the game more appealing to the American public and, therefore, more attractive to television.

There has been talk of a number of experimental changes in America. As well as time-outs, these have included enlarging the goal, replacing throwins with kick-ins, and reducing the

playing time to one hour, but with the clock stopped every 'Adverts can be time the ball goes out of play. The advanslotted in when tage of stopping the clock along with the action in this way is that you can slot in television adverts more or less when

it suits the broadcaster. Proposals for two-minute timeouts, similar to those used in basketball, were discussed last year by Fifa, and a trial run was set up in Brazil. Predictably, the German sugges-

tion has been greeted with protest. Franz Beckenbauer, now president of Bayern Munich, says that time-outs would "kill the game" because by breaking it into fragments it would destroy football's natural rhythm. The president of the German Football Federation has declared "we should never allow money to impose the dictates of television on the game".



Some hope. For the truth is that television, and the money that it has brought with it, has probably had a greater effect on the evolution of sport than anything since the invention of the ball. And the power of television

to shape sport is mighty. It was in November 1936 that the world's first television service was launched by the BBC, and the pundits of the time pronounced solemnly: "It will never catch on". Sixty years on, sport knows differently. Thanks to television, we now live in the era of the second-hand sports viewer, the spectator who can follow sport all over the world without

leaving his chair. More than a third of the world's population now watch the World Cup nals on television. In Britain, as the ownership of television sets soared to

cent of all households by 1984), so the needs of television schedules crowds attending sporting venues In football, we have seen Premiercrowds attending sporting venues

Quite simply, the pattern of viewing sport changed radically as vastly more people watched on television rather than live. Wherever the cameras have been turned on sport the effect has been dramatic. Tennis, golf, boxing, athletics, rugby, football all have had the treatment. Even indoor games, such as darts and

snooker, have been transformed by television. It has turned sport into a vast, glob-al business with an ever-growing audience watching an ever-more-exclusive pool of highly-paid

professional entertainers. Nowhere has television had a greater impact on sport than in America. In professional American football games they have a represen-tative of the television network on the field to signal to the officials when to call a time-out for commercials and

when the game can resume. In many games, and in many countries, the demands of television have over-ridden the interests of both live speciators and the players. In World Cups and Olympic Games, you can get matches or marathons taking place at absurd local times

ship matches played on a Saturday morning to suit television; in cricket, we have seen coloured suits replace the traditional whites. The message is clear: if television wants to tinker

with the rules, do not bet against it happening. Television today is as powerful as that small and elite group of Victori-an gentlemen who first codified the

rules and etiquette of

most of our great games. They had the confidence and the

power to alter every-

thing, from the size of

the court or pitch to

the methods of

'A trial has been set up in Brazil'

> The difference is that the Victorians formulated their codes as much for the players as for the spectators - the danger of television sport is that it makes spectators of us all.

> But there is bope. Television has also played a big part in the success of mass-participation events, such as the London Marathon. It is powerful in its suggestion that the passive spectator should take a break from non-stop viewing and enjoy some first-hand exercise. For anyone hooked on television sport, that could be the most valuable time-out of all.

> > JOHN BRYANT

Saying "boo" to a nation

The War of the Worlds. Radio 2, 11.00pm.

Radio 2 has just produced a printed guide telling us how to cope with hair loss. They could have done with it in America back in 1938. It's on hair loss. They could have done with it in America back in 1938. It's on hear that thousands of panie-stricken radio listeners were learing record that thousands of panie-stricken radio listeners were learing their hair out, convinced that Orson Welles's production of War of the Worlds was an as-it-happens broadcast about a genuine invasion by Martians, and not a performance by Welles's justly famed by Martians, and not a performance by Welles's justly famed Mercury Theatre company. Tonight, in what is a big coup for Radio Mercury Theatre company. Tonight, in what is a big coup for Radio described by Welles as "a Halloween holiday offering, radios equivalent of dressing up in a sheet, jumping out of a bush and saying 'Boot'." saying 'Boo!' ".

Russian Roulette. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Russian Roulette. Radio 4, 200pm.

I don't doubt for a moment that Gerry Huxham's play about Dostoevsky is based on fact. I'm just slightly sceptical about exactly how strongly based. "Simple faith is all you need." Huxham's Dostoevsky says. The play shows he needed much more than that. He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed the 120 words-a-minute expertise of the 13-year-old He needed much more than that.

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Hildegard of Bingen and Part

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pris)
10.46 Night Waves. Review of the world premiere of Peter Maxwell Davles's tenth Strathchyde Concerto for the Scottleh Chamber Orchestra
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5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW).
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9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Common Ground
10.00 News; The Hearts and Lives of Men (FM) (2/5)
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8.00 Analysis: The End of Everything? A look at the significance of the milennium 8.45 The Writer's Day Out 9.00 Does He Take Sugar?
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Robin Lustig
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Know, by A.L. Barker, Read
by Angela Thorne
11.00 Thirty Minute Theatre:
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11.30 Ad Lib (FM). Robert
Robinson meets five sergeant
majors in the British Army (r)

11.30 Today in Partisment (LW)

12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather

12.30 The Late Book: First
Church of the New
Mittennium (4/10)

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saturation point (it reached 98 per and in unbearable heat to meet the

Wells loses Sussex captaincy to Moores BY SIMON WILDE IT MAY not have been a surprise, but the manner in which it happened certainly was. Alan Wells had been home 30 minutes from a holiday in Barbados when he was telephoned by Alan Wadey, the Sussex vice-chairman, and told that he had been dismissed as county captain after five seasons in





Scot reveals driving force behind his continued success



Montgomerie puts his trust in his manager, Kinnings, centre, his caddie, McLean, left, and his wife, Eimear. Photographs: Hugh Routledge

Team Monty' judged on its merits

them to make a hand of bridge and have a few left over. They do not wear uniforms, nor do they have an anthem or a motto, unless it is to make sure that their man does well

ing by example rather than tactical sophistication and may now be persuaded to They are the people who accept the offer of a five-year smooth the way for Colin Montgomerie, assessing his fitness, arranging his flights, drawing up his deals, carrying his bags, sharpening his mental processes. They allow him to play golf successfully. They revolve around him, not he around them. They are Team Monty".

They are doing their jobs as well as he is doing his. Montgomerie recently won the European order of merit for a fourth successive time. In Europe, where he won three titles, he recorded the lowest round of the year, the lowest 72-hole total, and set one course record. He is ranked sixth in the world.

happened. The nearest Sussex have come to winning a "Having good people around me is crucial," Monttrophy in ten years is when they finished runners-up to Warwickshire in the famous gomerie said. "It has taken time, but now I've got the NatWest Trophy final of 1993. people I want. I've got my yesterday paying tribute to Wells's "extremely valuable manager, my personal fitness trainer, my caddie. Julie Dalcontribution" and the many ton, in the office, deals with runs he had made "despite all my travel arrangements. I've the pressure of captaincy", but got some team, I can tell you. there was no mistaking the That is why I win." Guy Kinnings, 33, Montwhiff of grapeshot in the air.

gomene's manager, is a trained lawyer, who is rarely seen without a briefcase and who could cut a deal with the crease in his trousers. At the International Management Group, he has been handling Montgomerie's affairs for two years and is Montgomerie's first point of reference on most issues. "Guy's the same age as me with similar interests." Montgomerie said. "He's in-

telligent. We get on well Frank Williams, Greg Norman's manager, once described his man as "an absolute stark raving perfectionist". Kinnings shud-

ders when asked to make a similar assessment of the man to whom he talks each day and works for many hours each day. "Colin applies

the highest standards to himself on the course and he brings those same standards to his work off the course," he said. "Anyone who works around him and for him has got to be able to hit those standards. The nature of his business is demanding and complicated. You have got to get it right and everybody who they're in." Montgomerie is one of

works with him has to get it right, whatever capacity

John Hopkins on the back-room staff pitching for Colin Montgomerie

Britain's richest sportsmen, with an estimated annual income exceeding £2 million. Is he obsessive, like Norman, reading his e-mail on his own portable computer each day, checking every piece of mail into and out of his office? "All major discussions on a sched-

ule and on a merchandising 'Having good people around is crucial. That is why I win'

> basis go through with his input," Kinnings said. "He has an office at home and everything that he needs to

"Golf is the main focus, but away from it he has many interests. He keeps himself up to speed on current affairs. When you are with Colin you don't talk just about golf. His interests are cars, travel, films, theatre and books. The latest book he read was probably a John Grisham. He likes

and clearly he dotes on his elder daughter, Olivia, and Venetia, the younger daughter, who was born in January. Less public are his remarks about Hugh Mantle, a senior lecturer in psychology at Liverpool John Moores University, with whom Montgomerie first made contact four years ago.
"My job as a psychologist is

Montgomerie is highly complimentary about the con-

tributions to his success made

by Eimear, his wife - though

he often cracks jokes about

her ability to spend money -

to bring the team together in a way that is effective, as well as having to deal with the golfer," Mantle, 51, twice voted UK coach of the year

in the past four years, said. "In short, I am there to create an environment where excellence is inevitable, and I genuinely feel we are getting there with golfers like Colin.

"One of the biggest driving factors in sport is a fear of inadequacy. That affects your confidence. If you are able to write down golf goals that can be achieved then you can make yourself a winner even if you come last. Colin and all the others in the top 30 must be doing something right.

(Hons) in modern history. "Alastair knows what's right and wrong," Montgomerie said. "He is an intelligent lad. I look after him and he looks after me. I would not dream of employing anyone else." McLean grinned. "We look after each other," he said. "He

No one is closer to

Montgomerie while he is on a

golf course than Alastair McLean, 40, who has worked

for him for five years. The

Scots must be one of the few

player-caddie partnerships

who both attended university.

Montgomerie has a BA in

business management and law, and McLean an MA

tries hard all the time and he expects me to try hard all the time, and in that respect we both just get on with it. I think I've got the best job on tour. He's always up there when it counts and he is always making a lot of money for me. It's much more fun knowing you're always going to do

Montgomerie is competing in Hong Kong this week, but before he went he said: "I need people, good people, around me to help me, support me. I can't do ten jobs at once. I can only do one. So I have to trust people. I pay them good and for that I deserve good back."



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All is not fair in parental love and war

The real subject of last night's Modern Times: Broken Homes (BBC2) took a while to become clear. Ostensibly, it was about the damage to children example, little Rory is six years old and lives with his mother, Jacout. His father, Kevin, lives elsewhere. with new girlfriend Alison. Rory's Welfare was the much bruited priority of both parents, yet some how another story kept emerging in Lynn Alleway's film — a story, of coarse, in which "Rory's Welfare" was just a weapon in a war. Broken Homes took a while to get going, adminedly, Kevin, pro-maturely grey, lurked on the doorstep of Jacqui's house, presumably because he was not allowed in, and assumed a helpless, placatory, hangdog demean-our, bke a male chimp in a wildlife film hoping for inclusion in a

tragic things such as "I don't want to live my life" and "Why did he have to go?" - partly (surely) because he knew it would please when their parents split up. For his mother. Years of adult psychotherapy would never untangle this mess. "Why are you concentrating badly at school?" Jacqui asked Rory. "The other children don't." Rory pouted, and reached for the regular answer. "Perhaps their dads left before mine," he reasoned.

Two other stories made the real subject clearer. Errant husband Neil was not allowed to see his small son, Jonathan, at all (this section was a bit boring). But then we met the posh couple Jennie and Robert, and suddenly the cards were right on the table. Five years ago, after 19 years of marriage, Jennie and Robert divorced, and solicitor Robert lost his teenage daughters for ever. Jennie won the breeding group. Meanwhile daughters for ever Jennie won the Jacqui: berated Kevin for his battle for their hearts and minds.

you see, and now gloated horribly in the matrimonial home. The idea of her expensively educated daughters meeting Robert's new partner, Hayley, made her screech with snobbish laughter. "Riff raff" was how she described Hayley. which of course was very amusing. The Jennie-Robert daughters didn't appear at all, but by this . stage they didn't need to. They were not the real object of interest; they were the ammunition, the prisoners of war, and even the

keep thinking — and praying — that Beck (BBCI) will suddenly turn into a Pirandello story. Instead of tracking down lost characters, you see, Beck could track down her author and demand an interesting plot. Or perhaps she would face the camera and make an appeal. "I demand the right to be interesting! I've got

victory flag - means and ends all neatly combined in one.

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

leather clothes and thin legs, I'm very beautiful, and I eat chips a lot, yet I am still a bore! Help me someone! I have to keep twinkling ambiguously, but the lights are on with nobody home!"

Last night's Beck was the first of a supposedly wham-bam final two-parter (the second part is on Friday), but anyone who likes cliffhangers should make alternative arrangements on Beachy Head. Dear oh dear. Beck's client Andy was an amnesiac in whom she took little interest; meanwhile a mildly suspicious Irishman took lodgings with nice Mrs Jacobs (don't ask), and Ralph's stripper girlfriend turned out to be engaged. And that was it, I don't know about you, but I'm cancel-

ling all appointments for Friday.
The only innovation in Beck has been in editing, but it is nothing exciting: merely that a single sequence each week is edited in strange modernist jerks - some-times to indicate a dramatic highlight, and sometimes just out of habit. Last night, the jerks were accomplished first thing - amne-siac man with blood on head stumbling along dual carriageway - which was a small mercy, as it removed any suspense on that score. Tragic the feeble straws we grasp at. When Beck first started, it annoyed me that her phone sounded the same as mine, but into the other room to shout "Damn" can restore vital blood supplies at a critical moment. The first three instalments of

Soho Stories this week (BBC2) have been a bit repetitive, but thoroughly absorbing documenta-ry for all that. Real life is repetitive. after all (or I wouldn't keep watching Beck). Choreographer Gaston, at the Raymond Revuebar, evidently spends his whole life in a dark empty club concocting new dances for strippers and tirelessly demonstrating the proper use of a feather boa. Meanwhile drag queen Danny is now the late-night viewer's very best friend.

ast night's instalment of Soho Stories was themed on clothes, so we met the seamstress from the Revuebar, a wideboy bespoke tailor filming an expensive ad; and Danny shopping for cheap girls' mini-dresses in Oxford Street. While Danny dithered over an E8.99 handbag. Mark Powell told a client that £2,100 was cheap for a bespoke suit, and demanded cash up front. The seamstress at the Revuebar was a surprising woman in a pageboy haircut, long skirt, glasses and thimble, who loved her job. Sleaze gets normal, the nearer you stand - which may be the point of the

Finally, Testament: The Bible in Animation (BBC2) did the story of Jonah, in which the whale got a rather meagre part. No sooner swallowed than delivered, this cartoon Jonah was less visually striking than last week's beautiful Ruth (done with figures), but benefited from a fine bah-humbug performance from John Alderton. In fact, his "Jonah the Moaner" revealed how the The Fast Show and the Old Testament are not so far apart as you might think.

BBC1- d 6.00mm BUSINESS BREAKFAST (19764) 7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceetas) (44035) 9:00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceelax) (5980696)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (28754311/8.45 (GLROY (s) (2605412) 10.30 CANT COOK, WON'T COOK (s) (22615)

11.00 NEWS and weather (6289431) 11:05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (a) (7469509) 11:45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Loyd Grossman (a) (1275219)

12.00 NEWS and weather (7928122) 12.05pm SNOWY RIVER — THE MCGREGOR SAGA (8205122) 12.50 COUNTRY WALKS TO CURROUS PLACES (85380851)

1.00 NEWS and weather (Ceelax) (47122) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (57731035) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Castan) (s) (44798257) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (a) (4986) 2.30 THE TERRACE (a) (431) 3.00 INCOGNETO (a) (3493)

3.30 LITTLE BEAR (8) (7/32945) 3.55 THE CHIPMUNICS (6903388) 4.20 JULIA JEKYLL AND HARRIET HYDE (8195783) 4.35 SMART (8939388) 5.00 NEWSROUND (2775431) 5.10 BYKER

5.36 NEIGHBOURS (t) (Cestex) (s) (587290) 6.00 NEWS and weather (Ceelax) (832) 6.30 FERIONAL NEWS (412)

7.00 WATCHDOG The consumer imagezine show hosted by Anne Robinson (Cestax) (s) (8702) 7.30 EASTENDERS Alen's ettempts to save his merriage are thwarted by Carol's declaration (Coetax) (s) (596)

8.00 ANIMAL HOSPITAL Rolf Harris presents enother insight into the work of the vets at the Hermsworth Animal Hospital, (Initial buzzard: a coot and three ducks to a

wildlife senctuary on the south coast (Certax) (8) (4122) 8.30 THE LEGACY OF REGINALD PERRIN Final Instalment. Will the triends inherit the money? (Cestax) (s) (3257) 3

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS (Ceelex) (6596) 9.30 THE X FILES: 731 (2/2) Mulder finds himself trepped on a speeding train heading for destruction Only Scully's memories and X's cryptic messages can help him (Ceefax) (s) (397899)

10.15 THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER A completion of the best bits from the first eries. With Nick Hericock (Ceefin) (9)

10.45 QUESTION TIME with David Dimbleby in Carditt. Around the table tonight are Conservative Party Chairman, Brian Mauhinbey, the Labour MEP, Glerys Kinnock, Piald Cymru President Defydd: Wigley and the Observer columnist and author Melanie Philips (Ceefax) (708865) 11.45 CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK WITH

Joan Rivers (r) (Ceetax) (s) (214832) 12.20em FiLM: Seeds of Tragedy (1991) Unusual charms following the effe cooling on different social groups, from an agrocial state and an agrocial state and social state and social weight before the social state and social weight breaked by Martin Donorsin 5890420

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BBC2

6.00sm OPEN UNIVERSITY: TILINGS AT THE ALHAMBRA (7809580) 6.25 BLUE HAVEN (7828815) 6.50 THE TRUE GEOMETRY OF NATURE (9486412) 7.15 NEWS (6646580) 7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (4013581) 7.55 BLUE PETER (f) (8189238) 8.20 NODDY (1814344) 8.35 THE RECORD 8539412)

9.00 IT COLLECTION (2880509) 9.25 THE ART (5890073) 9.45 WRITING AND PICTURIES (1224325) 10.00 PLAY-DAYS (38986) 10.30 STORYTIME (1362696) 10.45 THE EXPERIMENTER (1362696) 10,46 THE EXPERIMENTER
— PEOPLE (3716073) 11.05 SPACE
ARK (8277696) 11.15 PRACTISING
BELIEF (9033899) 11.35 LANDMARKS
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(1286325) 12.15pm HALLO AUS
(BERLIN (7779325) 12.30 WORKING
LUNCH (31851) 1.00 LIFESCHOOL
(93139162) 1.25 MAD ABOUT MUSIC
(17735832) 1.45 NUMBERTIME
(57741412) 2.00 NODDY (18559493)
2.10 THE FUGITIVE (4418073)

3.00 NEWS (5862306) 3.05 WESTMINSTER (4109870) 3.55 NEWS (8722054) 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (325) 4.30 READY. STEADY, COOK (509) 5.00 THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (9631580)

5.40 THE SKY AT NIGHT (949865) 6.00 STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE (s)

(Ceefax) (962967) 6.45 QUANTUM LEAP (r) (Ceefax) (s) (481306) 7.30 FIRST SIGHT: Full Circle: The M25.— Ten Years On (238) WALES: THE WORKS — THE SCHWITTERS

SCANDAL THE WORKS Examining the fight to control German Declaist painter Kurt Schwitters' estate (s) (Ceelas) (2764). WALES: FIRST RESORT

way (Ceelax) (s) (1899). 9.00 3RD ROCK FROM THE SUN The High Commander sets his colleagues their assignments (Ceelax) (4238)



Neurologist Oliver Sacks (9,30pm)

MIND TRAVELLER The first of six programmes. (Ceetao) (s) (195257)

10 X 10: Mangetout Offbest short film (s) (247677) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (668219) 11.15 LATE REVIEW (s) (276412) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (s) (47265)

12:30am-5.30 LEARNING ZONE: OU: HEALTH AND DISEASE (23197) 1.00 EASING THE PAIN (64517) 1.30 STATISTICS (49933) 2.00 LEISURE AND TOURISM (98245) 4.06 NOW YOU'RE TALKING/A CINDERELLA STORY (81130) 5.00 THE BOSS (5545468) 5.50 TRADE SECRETS

CHOICE

The Works: The Schwitters Scandal BBC2, 8.00pm (Wales, 7.30pm; Scotland, 7.15pm Friday)

Born in Germany, exiled to Norway and then to Britain, the artist Kurt Schwitters led a life of displacement and disruption. Some of his best-known work is collages of everyday objects, such as bus tickets and cigarette packets, scavenged from the streets. He died in the Lake District in 1948 but a bitter dispute over his artistic legacy, a collection worth an estimated £30 million, has only recently surfaced. It was sparked off when Schwitters' son, Ernst, had a severe stroke which left him unable to speak. One area of the dispute has set the family against area of the oispote has set the fairnly against Ernst's mistress, another involves a New York gallery which claims the rights over many of the important works. Even Ernst's legal guardian has become embroiled. Simon Chu's film disentangles a complex, acrimonious and scarely believable story, which is clearly set to you. which is clearly set to run.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Peter Pringle reports from America, where the tobacco companies are facing a new barrage of claims for compensation. For 40 years the industry has managed to see off most of the legal actions brought against it and more than 1,000 cases have been deleated. The difference this time is that the lawyers, who include the attorneys-general of 17 states, are using leaked material which suggests that tobacco companies distorted in-house research which did not support their case. Dick Scruggs, a lawyer from Mississippi, predicts that if one of the big states, such as Florida or Texas, wins its case the industry could face bankruptcy. Tobacco companies are also under attack from the Clinion Administration, which is leading a crusade against underage smoking. Bob 8.30 TOP GEAR Test criving the Volkswagen Dole backs the smoking lobby but seems Passet and the National Hot Rod unlikely to make the White House championship from Hadnestoti Face 1

The Mind Traveller: Poison in Paradise BBC2: 9.30pm

The kindly, concerned and utterly unassuming neurologist Oliver Sacks launches a series in which he travels the world to explore aspects of the human mind. His first venture takes him to the Pacific disease has been bailling the experts. A condition found only on a laraway island of which most of us probably know little may seem academic, however much it fuels Sacks' professional interest and, indeed, passion. The symptoms, however, such as loss of muscle control and dementia, do have parallels with diseases all too familiar in Britain - Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and motor neurope. A likely cause of the dise is the cyclad, which turns out to be Sacks' favourité prehistoric plant

10 X 10: Mangetout BBC2. 10.20pm

Once again the slot for new film-makers Once again the slot for new filth-makers proves that saying it all in ten minutes is a challenge and not a stratigacket. lan Cottage's film was inspired by the experience of playing with a profoundly deaf nephew, though this is only the starting point for a piece in which realism is soon left behind. Liam Nesbitt plays a young deaf boy who is visited by a great-uncle (Freddie "Parrotface" Davies, the latest in a long line of comedians proving equally adept in a straight role). He is no ordinary great-uncle but a man whose idea of a quick snack is to munch an ash tray full of dog-ends. We, and the boy, enter full of dog-ends. We, and the boy, enter finally into fantasy when the great-uncle becomes a red-nosed circus clown. This is a deft, and delicate film which virtually dispenses with dialogue. Peter Waymark

6.00em GMTV (7989257) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (2850122) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (6647306) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (25412) 10.30 THIS MORNING (27957870)

12,20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7824306) 12.30 NEWS and weather (Ceetax) (3566948) 12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (3574967)
1.25 CORONATION STREET (r)
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AWAY (Teletaxi) (s) (27175325) 2.25
CROSS WITS (Teletaxi) (s) (27154832)
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5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (s) (8675412) 5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (844211) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (741948)

7.00 EMMERDALE Unda fears for her wedding plans (Teletext) (s) (3870) 7.30 THE BIG STORY Dermot Murnaghan examines claims made in best-selling books to see if they are true (s) (764)

8.00 THE BILL Quinnan must persuade an assault victim to testify against her former boykiend, while another of his victims ks revenge outside the law (Teletext)

8.30 IS IT LEGAL? The pertners fall out over who should provide on-air advice for a struggling radio station (Teletext) (s) (8325)



Pooky Quesnel as Harris (9.00pm)

9.00 THIEF TAKERS Harris's involvement with a handsome witness threatens to jeopardise not only her career but also her life (Teletext) (s) (9035) 10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (82144)

10,30 REGIONAL NEWS (869561) 10.40 THE WEST STORY Focusing on pidgeon fanciers and RSPB volunteers who are at wer with one another (Teletext)

11,10 THE WEST THIS WEEK Current atlans (226632) 11.40 SWIFT JUSTICE (634412) 12.40am THE EUROPEAN HIGHLIGHTS (3856371)

1.10 THE WAR OF THE WORLDS (S) 2.10 NOT FADE AWAY (2207772) 3.10 FLUX (s) (1877913)

4.10 LATE & LOUD (r) (s) (5137538) 5.00 GARDEN CALENDAR (r) (57739) **5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (35420)**

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6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (591054) 10.40 EUROPEAN MATCH HIGHLIGHTS (126306) 11.10 LONDON BRIDGE (226832)

11.40 REVELATIONS (822290) 12,10em ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS 12.45 PLANET ROCK PROFILES (78739) 1:15 FUNNY BUSINESS 168352)

1,45 NOT FADE AWAY (4970826) 2.40 FLUX (2461333) 3.35 THE CRIME HOUR (2115468)

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9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER Thai cookery (s) (19141) 9.30 SCHOOLS: MIDDLE ENGLISH 9.45 MATHS PROGRAMME 10.05

SCIENTIFIC EYE 10.25 GEOGRAPHICAL EYE 10.45 LE PETIT MONDE DE PIERRE 11.00 CLUICHE CEOL IS CANAN 11.20 FILM AND VIDEO SHOWCASE 11.40 THE SPANISH PROGRAMME (419987)

12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (32667) 12.30pm BACKDATE (f) (Teletext) (s) (33219) 1.00 SESAME STREET (8316615) 1.55 MAKING MONEY (44779122)

2.15 FILM: The Fallen Idol (b/w, 1948) with boy inadvertently incriminates his latter's butter in a murder Directed by Carol Read (Teletext) (510832)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (s) (Teletext) (493)
4.30 COUNTDOWN (s) (Teletext) (677)
5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (5)
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NATURALLY (Ceefax) (317528)

6.00 NEW GAMESMASTER (Teletext) (870) 6.30 HOLLYOAKS (Teletext) (s) (122) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (143677) 7.50 THE SLOT (101035)

8.00 DOSH The conclusion of the investi-gation into credit referencing reveals some alarming results (Teletext) (7832) 8.30 DESIRE Fashion magazine includes a feature on Vivienne Westwood Young people reveal what looks good on the street and what ladies who lunch wear for their appointments (4/5) (6967)

9.00 DISPATCHES Peter Pringle reports from America where the tobacco companies are facing a new barrage of claims for compensation (Teletext) (7677)



Willie, Griffith and Hanks (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM; Bonfire of the Vanities (1990) with Tom Hanks as a Wall Street bond trader who tries to cover up when his mistress knocks down a young black in her car Also starring Bruce Willis and Melanie Griffith Directed by Brian De Palma (Teletext) (5) (47846615) 12,20am FOUR-MATIONS: Continental

Passions (1469246) 12.55 MOYIEWATCH (r) (7936913)

1.30 FOUR-MATIONS: Shorts (2608997) 2.15 FILM: China Seas (b/w, 1935) with Clark Gable as the captain of cargo ship attacked by modern day pirates Also starring Jean Harlow Directed by Tay Garnett (640791)

3,50 FILM: Libelled Lady (b/w, 1936) with William Powell and Jean Harlow. A newspaper editor receives a multimilliondollar lawsuit when he libels the daughter of a millionaire. Directed by Jack Conway (6377623), Ends at 5.20

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1.50 WEATHER (1828826) ...

7.00am Love Connection 5128921] 7.29
Press Your Luck (172895) 7.40 Jacquinch (7682388) 8.10 Hotel: (9288306) 9.00 Another World (1871054) 8.25 Oprail Whitely (9349079) 8240 Resi 17 (9889054) 11.10 Sally Jessy Rephast (952527) 12.00 Geratio (67250) 1.00pm One to Three (6425) 8.00 Jerny Jones (68326) 4.00 Oprah Wintely (95308) 8.00 Sier Treit. The Next Generator (5528) 8.80 New Actorius of Superimm (95702) 7.00 The Simpsons (9257) 7.20 MaSH (9783) 8.00 Signings (15851) 9.20 Neet: Bridges (35615) 10.00 See Treit. The Next Generator (58702) 11.00 New Adventures of Superimm (7085) 12.00 Neet: Adventures of Superimm (7085) 12.00 New Adventures Superman (70885) 12.00 Microphi Caller (99738) 1.00cm LAPD (34401) 1.30 Pearl TV (81807) 2.00 Hit Mar (46710) SKY 2

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6.00am Sacred Ground (1983) (48122) 8.00 Top Hat (1935) (88141) 10.00 Mystary Monaton (1983) (88969) 12.00 Destination Moon (1983) (88764) 2.00pm Windowskier (1960) (58764) 2.00pm Site Site (1878) (3572) 6.00 The Magic of the Golden Bear (1996) (12803615) 7.40 US Top 10 (92279) 8.00 J.lafte Gents (1994) (7582850) 0.45 The Movie Show (282073) 10.15 The Cown (1994) (683948) 11.25 (148040 with The Course of Michael Myste (1999) (283412) 1.30am (885942) 11.65 Mathematic The Corpe of Hichael Myer (1995) (258412) 1.30mm Highrenhem (1994) (2574529) 249 Sleeping, with Strangers (199401) 4.25 Slystery Missian (1983) (19350178)

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A.00pm Anchors Awaigh (1945) (6826948; 6.30 Monterny Pop (1965) 8868631) 3.00 Operation Deptract (1975) (132580) 10.00 F/K: Murder by Huston (1965) (6648306) 11.55 Gorifian in the Mist (1968) (32003344) 2.05mm M Started in Huston (1960) (7715517) 3.45-5.30 Compulsion (1969) (5708333) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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SKY SPORTS 1 7.00mm Sports Centre (37783) 7.30 Wree-fling Challengie (85848) 8.30 Horse Racing (54868) 9.00 Sports Centre (45288) 9.30 Aurobies (82257) 10.00 Malos Sport 445702) 11.00 Rugby Union (42431) 11.30 Gelf (10832) 12.00 Aerobies (82702) 12289part Flatol- (40268 183073) 1.00 Superbites (29551) 2.30 Motor Sport

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SKY SPORTS 2 8.00pm Fishing: Tight Lines (8565035) 9.00 Societ (8588122) 11.00 Societ Scrapbook (228350) 12.30am-1.00 Blood, Sweet and Glory (18440B1) SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 In-Line Stating (7:685832) 1.00pm los hockey (77574870) 2.00 Weletsports (27597686) 4.00 American Caveloade (27599431) 5.00 Golf Open Novotel Pemar (92543236) 8.00 In-Line Stating (7:614344) 7.00 Sports Centre (92544054) 7.30 Spoces (97:13729) 9.00 Live Golf Serazan World Open (76250851) 11.00 Golf (27567332) 11.30-12.00 Sports Centre (77589561) EUROSPORT

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(6864031) 6.30 Classic Coronation Street
(7584211) 7.00 Albian Market (7586670)



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From 6.00am-8.00 TV High Street. Includes ponsumer news and leatures and Your Stars presented by Fussell Grant. From 8.00-12.00 Food and Witne. Includes recepts and vices from Date Smith From 12.00-3.00m Health and Benuty. Includes Date and Fibress From 3.00-6.00 Home and Gerden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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Football plans longer season

Fixture pile-up threatens summer break

By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

FOOTBALL'S cherished summer break, the annual recharging of batteries, could be two weeks for clubs in the FA Carling Premiership and one week for those in the Nationwide League. Talks are taking place between the leagues and the Football Association to see if it is practical to make an early

start to the 1997-98 season.
If the discussions are fruitful, the Premiership would start on August 2, instead of August 16, while the Nation-wide League would get under way on August 9. It is believed the change of dates would help alleviate the effect that heavy international commitments are now having on the domestic fixture lists.

Already this season, the number of blank Premiership weekends has been increased from five to seven. Though December 14 and March 29 were not originally designated as free weekends, with England not having a game, the FA Premier League, which runs the Premiership, decided to call off the games to help the managers of Scot-land, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland.

The fixture problems have been exacerbated by clubs having voted to include under-21 players in the criticria for postponing matches. Previ-

ously, only senior international players counted. League officials also fear the onset of winter, with bad weather possibly adding to the mounting fixture backlog. With a vast forcign legion of

players now playing in the Premiership and Nationwide League, clubs have been fur-ther depleted by international call-ups. Next season, which sees the build-up to the World Cup finals in France, could prove even more chaotic, with an early start to the 1997-98 campaign now viewed as the

Bryant's Eye

best, and possibly only,

Mike Lee, the Premier League spokesman, said yesterday: "The main factor is trying to create maximum room for England - as many free weekends and dates as possible. We've increasingly blocked off parts of our season and, next season, the World Cup preparations will be

tensifying. "We've also now got a large number of overseas stars in the Premier League, who are a great attraction, but it makes additional international

calls and the effect they have on fixtures. It is manageable this season, but giving that commitment to England, and the sheer reality of the effect of lots of international stars here is having on fixtures, is something you have got to deal with. You just can't

> "At present, the only way of overcoming this is by squeezing more and more Premier League fixtures into midweek, which we don't think is acceptable. We want to keep as much as possible to the traditional weekend programme. What we want to do is pre-plan for the whole season, to avoid cancellations and end-of-season pile-ups of games. To do that, you have little alternative but to extend the season."

Five Nationwide League first division games have al-ready been called off on November 9, the weekend when all four home nations and Ireland are playing World Cup qualifying matches. On August 16 next year, when the Premiership would usually start, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland are again involved in

the World Cup.
The Football League agrees that an answer has to be found. "The Premier League has intimated to us that they would like to start next season earlier," Chris Hull, a League spokesman, said. "We are also looking along those lines. We're looking at a number of dates but, initially, we're looking at August 9. Discussions are continuing and we're hoping to come to some sort of

agreement." Nick Barmby's transfer to Everton from Middlesbrough for a club record fee of £5.75 million went through seamlessly yesterday. The formalities of the 42-year contract were completed by lunchtime, after the England internation-al forward had completed a medical.

"It was one of the easiest deals we've done," Cliff Finch. the Everton director, said. "Nick agreed terms in just 30 minutes, which when you consider the other clubs showing interest, could only mean that this was the club he wanted to come to."

After his long wait to strengthen his squad. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, was understandably delighted. "I've said all along I was waiting for the right people, and I was prepared to wait," Royle said. "The lad's qualifications all stack up. He's 22. he's an England squad member, he's a well-rounded player, he's a good finisher, he's scored goals for two clubs in

the Premiership. "We've got plenty of pace, power with Duncan Ferguson, and mobility, but Nick gives our squad a type of player we haven't got. He offers us a dual role — he can play as an out and out forward, or drop back and play as an advanced midfield player off the front

Carlos Moya, of Spain, who beat Tim Henman, of Britain, in the first round of the Paris Open, punches the air in celebration after his surprise second-round victory over Boris Becker yesterday. Report, page 44 Waiting game almost over

Panel will deliver final word in sport disputes

By JOH's GOODBODY

AN INDEPENDENT panel to settle disputes in British sport is to be set up next year. The move is aimed at prevent-ing competitors and national governing bodies from being forced to waste money in seeking justice through the

The scheme, originally suggested by Prince Phillip, pres dent of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), is designed to settle cheaply and quickly issues such as the 18-month drugs dispute of Diane Modahl and the battle by Totanham Materials. by Tottenham Hotspur in 1993 to be reinstated in the FA Cup after their original ban.

The Sports Dispute Resolu-tion Panel (SDRP) has the backing of the leading umbrella bodies such as the CCPR United Kingdom Sports Council and the British Olympis Association as well as the BOA's athletes commission.

Charles Woodhouse, who charles woodnouse, who chaired the working party, said a panel would handle internal issues within organisations who would accept its final ruling. This would include disputes on drugs, eligibility, discipline and procedures such as the penalising cedures such as the penalising of clubs for misbehaviour.

Woodhouse, a partner in Farrer's, the solicitors, said he believed that lottery funding might be possible to help set up the board of arbitrators. It would consist of up to 50 people, comprising lawyers and officials, some specialists in sports medicine and

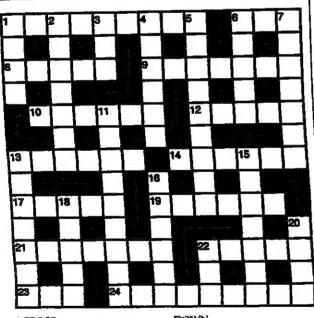
A hearing would take place with three nominated members of the board. One would be selected by the national governing body, the other by the appellant and it would be

chaired by a third member. 🤌 The panel is based on the Court of Arbitration for Sport CAS), which sat during Olympic Games in Atlanta and settled several disputes about drug ruiings. This was funded by the International Olympic Committee although it was completely independent and made up of distinguished lawyers including Michael

Beloff, QC. Woodbouse said the constitutions of governing bodies would have to be change to make provision for the panel's decision to be final.

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By Our Sports Staff

he has kept the name of the

new man under wraps after

declaring at an England train-

ing session: The selectors

have made their choice, but

neither the player nor the RFU

committee know who it is. I

want to make it public only

when the dispute at the top is

settled. I don't want the player

put in an invidious position of

being asked his opinion on the

Carling's successor will

have a lot to live up to, for he

amassed 44 victories in 59

internationals before retiring

after England secured the five

nations' championship at Twickenham last March.

hen is a football cup-tie over? When the referee blows the final whistle? When the teams leave the pitch? When they have changed and showered? When the visitors are on the team coach? The answer is after none of these things, at least not if you are playing in the Dr Martens Cup. the Southern League's knockout competition.

The Witney Town players spent nearly 30 minutes on Tuesday night believing they had won their two-legged first-round tie against Clevedon Town on away goals, and were looking forward to a celebratory drink, before the referee administered the sort of steel-toecapped blow fully in keeping with the name of the

competition's sponsors. It was then that a red-faced Martin Perry, of Wimborne, Dorset, summoned them back onto the pitch for a penalty shoot-out, admitting that he

Simon Wilde on how an official's oversight caused the delayed denouement of a cup-tie

had wrongly thought that away goals scored in extratime counted double. The tie finished 3-3 on aggregate, but one of Witney's goals in the 2-2 second leg draw at the Hand Stadium, Clevedon had come in extra time.

THE identity of the new

England rugby union captain

will be disclosed at Twicken-

ham on Tuesday. The succes-sor to Will Carling was selected by Jack Rowell, the

coach, several weeks ago, but

the announcement has been delayed because of the ongo-

ing dispute between the Rug-

by Football Union (RFU) and

the leading clubs. The feeling

is that the leadership will stay

in London, with Jason Leon-

ard, Carling's clubmate at

Harlequins, and Lawrence

Dallaglio, of Wasps, the

Rowell's announcement is

overdue in rugby terms, but

favourites.

"I was having a drink with the Clevedon chairman in the boardroom when the physio came in and told us the news," Brian Constable, the Witney chairman, said yesterday. We had to get the players back onto the pitch. They needed a lot of persuading because they had all just had showers, put on their clean clothes and then they had to get back into their dirty kit.

"At first the players thought it was a wind-up ... this kind of thing should only happen in village football, not with

semi-professional players. The referee should have known the regulations of the competition before he took the game. He did look suitably sheepish when everyone trooped back onto the pitch,"

With the match not finishing until 10.05pm because of delays for injuries, it was 10.30pm before the penalty shoot-out began. The stadium was now virtually empty for what had turned belatedly into the tie's climax.

revin Adler, the Witney goalkeeper, said."I have been involved in some penalty shoot-outs in my-time, but this one was the biggest anticlimax I have had. Usually you have loads of fans behind the net. But this time, there were only a handful of people. Most had thought the game was over and gone home."

The staged announcement

at Twickenham next week

symbolises the growing inter-

est in England rugby. In 1988,

Geoff Cooke, then the manag-

er, casually announced that he

had appointed Carling, the

youngest player in the team, as captain for the match

against Australia, and it took

years for Carling to attain a

high profile. His successor will have instant fame.

nounce the training squad for

the session at Bisham Abbey

next Wednesday. It is expected

again to number around 45

and to comprise the interna-

tional and A-team squads.

Today, Rowell will an-

Dennis Strudwick, secretary of the Dr Martens League, confirmed that the referee had sought guidance. There was a gap between the final whistle and the penalty competition. The referee was in some confusion so the home club secretary tele-phoned me and I told him. that the rules stated the competition should go to penalties. In my view the referee acted correctly to ask for

Fortunately for Witney and, perhaps, for Perry -they won the shoot-out 4-2, but they showed little emotion second time around. "The players stood around not quite sure whether to celebrate or not," Constable said.

The teams are now probably sick of the sight of each other, but there is no respite. They meet again on Saturday

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